

Tyler Conclave Orders Imposing Structure To Be Erected in Houston

gages nearly a quarter of a million dollars. When the Houston educator had completed his report, the representatives leaped to their feet in a mighty demonstration and sang, "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" Never had such a scene been enacted or witnessed in an annual gathering of this order.

Perfect harmony prevailed throughout the entire session and all public programs were of a high order. The 1925 meet will be held at Waco.

The Houston delegates to the forty-second annual conclave of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims, held last week at Tyler, Texas, have returned home and are unanimous in their verdict that no previous session of the order came up to the 1924 meeting and that the East Texas hospitality can not be surpassed.

Among those who are back are Professors B. H. Grimes, supreme worthy shepherd; James D. Ryan, supreme worthy recorder; Dr. H. E. Lee, supreme medical examiner; Clem Bolden, supreme counsellor; Mrs. Rachel Charles, supreme junior usher; T. D. Mitchell, Emmett P. Harrison and Van H. McKinney, members of the supreme council; R. G. Lockett and P. Stevens, supreme trustees; T. M. Fairchild, F. M. Mills, H. C. DeGaultie, Lee Moseley, E. L. Williams, Mrs. Alberta Hughes, R. M. Catchings, B. H. Watson, Mrs. Alice Green, Mrs. Sallie Mays, Mrs. Christina Williams, James Hubert and A. L. Barber.

Perhaps the greatest thing done at the recent conclave was the empowering of the supreme worthy shepherd and executive officers to devise plans for the erection of a home and office building on the Pilgrim's property at corner of West Dallas and Bagby Streets, Houston, not to cost less than \$175,000. This act of the annual conclave will mean that Houston will soon possess another imposing office building in a section of the city where such a building is badly needed. The Pilgrims already own the lots, and have been getting revenue from rent houses and business places for several years.

There were only two changes in the official family, Mrs. S. E. Wright of Galveston succeeding Mrs. C. A. Reese of Dallas as supreme senior usher, and Mrs. C. L. Elmore of San Antonio supplanting Mrs. Neal of Navasota on the beneficiary relief board.

Hereafter, all applicants for membership in local Pilgrim sanctuaries must be examined by a reputable physician.

The report of the supreme worthy recorder, Prof. Jas. D. Ryan of Houston, showed that the order has assets of \$203,947.74, and that the order led the Texas field in percentage of solvency, having 106.08 per cent. In 1916, when the annual conclave adjourned at Corsicana, Texas, the Pilgrims owed \$18,000 in death claims and only \$2,000 in cash to pay these claims, while eight years later they have in real estate, hard cash, long green, loans and mort-

FINANCIAL GROWTH LARGE

**MRS. V. S. WILLIAMS AND
DR. M. E. COLEMAN
REPRESENTATIVES**

**DR. G. C. HARDING AS GRAND
TRUSTEE—THERE WERE
NO OTHER CHANGES IN OF-
FICIAL HEADS**

No material change was made in the official personnel of the Grand Court of Calanthe of the state of Tennessee at the Grand Court session here last week. All of the sessions were held in the spacious assembly rooms on the second floor of the M. C. A. building. Mrs. E. Burke, who presided over the sessions was re-elected as Grand Worthy Counsellor, thus giving to the Eastern division of the state of Tennessee the official head of the women's department of Pythianism. Madam Burke was returned on the greatest wave of popularity that has attended the election of any Grand Worthy Counsellor. She will be supported in her cabinet by the following officials:

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- G. W. I., Miss Nannie E. Perkins, Nashville, Tenn.
 - G. W. Inv., Mrs. Lillie G. Pickett, Ripley, Tenn.
 - G. W. R. D., Mrs. Virginia S. Williams, Memphis, Tenn.
 - G. W. R. Dep., Mrs. Clemmie White, Nashville, Tenn.
 - G. W. O., Mrs. Lillie B. Cox, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 - G. W. E., Mrs. Nannie Porter, Humboldt, Tenn.
 - G. W. S., Mrs. Sarah Hooper, Knoxville, Tenn.
 - G. W. J. D., Miss Maggie Green, Columbia, Tenn.
 - G. W. Con., Mrs. Ida M. Olds, Brunswick, Tenn.
 - G. W. A. Con., Mrs. Addie F. Morrell, Prospect, Tenn.
 - G. W. H., Miss Hattie Williams, Spring Creek, Tenn.
 - G. W. P., Mrs. Minnie Spurgeon, Johnson City, Tenn.
 - G. W. M. R., Dr. M. E. Coleman, Nashville, Tenn.
 - G. W. L., Sir N. N. Reynolds, Pulaski, Tenn.
 - G. W. M., Mrs. Katie Wilson, Nash-

ville, Tenn.

G. W. Atty., Lawyer Jno. A. Huff, Knoxville, Tenn.

Endowment Board.

Mrs. Cora E. Burke, President, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. M. A. Turner, Secretary, Pulaski, Tenn.

M. Clemmie White, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

Burial Board.

Mrs. E. Burke, President, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Eliza McMillan, Secretary, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Estelle Jones Neely, Treasurer, Memphis, Tenn.

Trustee Board.

Mrs. Marie M. Chadwell, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Rebecca Lester, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. G. C. Harden, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Following the election of officers and the report of the Boards a rousing vote of thanks was tendered the administration for the constructive policies that they have stood for and put into execution during the fiscal year. The financial side of the Order as shown by the treasurer of the Endowment Board was the last reported. A total of \$69,000.00 was reported by the officers of the various divisions.

Lodges Collect Funds to Bring Negroes Back

Colored Fraternal Bodies Going to Rescue of Brethren

The worm has turned South. The recent exodus of Southern negroes to the large industrial cities of the North and East is not only at an end, but the migratory movement is turned in quite the opposite direction. And the homeward jaunt is being instituted with more organization and design than was the trek to the country above.

Negro fraternal organizations and religious societies and clubs, in addition to private parties, are making organized efforts to raise funds with which to provide friends and relatives, erstwhile Macon citizens, with funds for the journey back to the land of cotton and boll weevils.

The colored Knights of Pythias, colored Masonic orders and other lodges are said to be active in soliciting the subscriptions for the return of former comrades who have written pathetic appeals from their new homes above the Mason-Lacon line. The Southern darkey, removed from his native "element" in Georgia and Alabama fields, has fared but poorly in the stiff competition for existence in the Northern cities. But agitators and promoters, who did such efficient work here two years ago to start the stampede to "a land of higher wages" managed to keep the situation covered up until a veritable horde of the negroes had set out for mythical wealth and power.

Reports from Macon negroes say the subscription work is meeting with fair success, and that it should be of some help in bringing back disappointed blacks.

FRATERNAL ORDERS AND THEIR MISSION MAY BE RESTATED

The fraternal order operating in secret conclave such as is true with the well regulated, historic fraternities, is as old as the Christian religion. In fact, some of them are older, their origin dating back thousands of years before the coming of the Messiah. The fraternal order is no new institution; it was brought into existence for a noble purpose and to carry on a most necessary mission. Running back for thousands of years, we would find that the institutions grew out of a notion for a closer union and a more sympathetic relation, and that the plans of the leaders would mature among their fellows for the general advancement of the human cause. These are the principles enunciated to candidates and applicants when they are initiated into the mysteries of the fraternity. They were never intended to make kings and masters of some and slaves of others, but their true mission is to make brothers of all, and declare among the fellows an expression of practical character, worthy and acceptable.

Fraternal orders, as they exist among Negro people, have meant much to race progress and offered a forum for expression and activity that no

other institution has given. Added to the strong tie of brotherhood, charity and benevolence, they have helped to develop citizens and prepare men for noble expression. The orders are still aiding many thousands of people throughout the Southland to save and be protected at the hour when protection and aid are most needed. The fraternities should maintain the fundamental principles and spurn any effort to detract from their noble purpose and their sacred mission. 8-16-24

In the fraternal order may be found schemers, grafters, crooks and robbers. When they are discovered, and they can be without over diligent search, they should go the way of all criminals and be subjected to the laws of the state and nation, made primarily and specifically for the government of society.

We are facing a bitter situation in at least one of our fraternities in Alabama, where it is charged that the interest of the fraternity has been diverted to the interest of a handful of leaders who are profiteering at the expense of the humbler members of the race and riding under the cover of fraternal ties and brotherhood. Such a leadership is dangerous and such characters are not worthy of the respect of society, and most especially fraternal society. None of the orders, as the editor of this publication sees it, need to make any more laws. They need, maybe, to restate the mission of the fraternity until it touches the hearts and souls of some of the leaders or they need to depose themselves and place characters of worth and consideration in the office who will not steal, who will not rob, who will not defile the principles of the fraternity.

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor—men who will not lie.

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking;
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large professions, and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! freedom weeps
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps!"

Birmingham
Mobile

Property Valued Over Quarter Million Owned By Race Order

NEW YORK, July 29.—Just six years ago twenty-one men and women, members of the Independent Order of St. Luke, a Negro fraternal beneficial organization, set out to prove that owners of Harlem property can realize a reasonable profit on their investment without profiteering. To what extent these crusaders against exorbitant rents have succeeded may be judged from the statement that the society is landlord of New York property valued at \$300,000.

Caring for its sick and burying its dead has been the traditional mission of the Negro fraternal order. The New York members of the Independent Order of St. Luke, highly appreciative of these features, also realized the need of entering a new field of practical help for themselves and the Negro public in a community where living conditions exact a larger measure of financial outlay than probably any place in the country.

\$45 a Month.

Prompted by the desire to render service to the physically fit in conjunction with paying doctor's bills, the twenty-one utilitarians gathered at an unpretentious meeting place on July 18, 1918, and voted to form a membership corporation with a view to owning property to be rented at a figure sufficient to realize not more than a 5 per cent dividend. A fund of \$1,000 was raised by individual subscriptions from hard-earned savings.

After consulting John William Smith, present Alderman of the 21st district, as to the legal aspects of the movement the various councils were brought in. Within a month, two houses were bought at Nos. 125 and 127 West 130th street. Members became tenants at a rental of \$45 a month, paying the same as previous occupants. In 1922 these holdings were improved and made

into headquarters for organization work and meeting place for the ninety-six local councils at a cost of \$14,000. Only two families remain as tenants.

Firmly convinced as to the efficacy of their plan after their experiment with the 130th Street property, the Casinover, a twenty-four family elevator apartment building at Nos. 257 and 259 West 129th st. was bought in 1921. Not more than \$81 monthly was asked for the large

apartments, while the new owners did the unusual by lowering the rents of the five-room apartments from \$75 to \$60, maintaining that the last-mentioned sum would suffice to enable them to earn the required 5 per cent dividend.

The last realty deal in which the membership corporation figured was a few weeks ago when it acquired the thirteen-family apartment house, with two stores at No. 301 W. 139th street. When members of the society replace the white tenants, starting next month, the rent will not go skyward.

One of the chief complaints by Negroes of North Harlem is that Negro families, upon moving into a house just vacated by white families, are compelled to pay 100 per cent, more rent. Charges of exploitation by real estate operators of both races, who oftentimes work together, are borne out by facts and figures. Small apartments formerly occupied by white tenants and renting for \$27 monthly are now bringing \$45, while apartments of eight and nine rooms at one time obtainable for \$75 and \$99 monthly are renting for \$125 and \$135. Some times the increase is even greater. The opinion is general among Negroes of the district that high rents are at the peak and before many months will take a downward trend.

Offices of Corporation.

The membership corporation of the Independent Order of St. Luke

has for its officers, Dennis Grice, president; Miss Georgie Young, sec., and Mrs. Maggie Shepard, treas. The organization collects its own rents and attends to all repairs. The local branch of the society has a membership of 9,000 men, women and children. It was organized twenty-one years ago when Mrs. Charity Jones, who is still active, received the work of the order from the national headquarters. Under her leadership, the New York organization has grown to such numerical proportions in recent years as to require the election of a deputy and an assistant deputy.

The guiding spirit of the Independent Order of St. Luke is a woman, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, a native Virginian, who lives in Richmond. Mrs. Walker has the distinction of being the only Negro woman bank president in the United States if not in the world. She is head of the St. Luke's Bank and Trust Company, with resources of more than \$500,000. Mrs. Walker is considered one of the outstanding women of her race, and is sometimes referred to as "the Queen of Negro fraternal leaders," and "the phenomenon in banking circles."

The order over which Mrs. Walker holds undisputed sway has 80,000 members. There are thirty clerks in the main office at Richmond, where the St. Luke Herald, an independent weekly, is published. Real estate, securities and cash amounting to \$200,000 and owned by the national body are under the direct supervision of Mrs. Walker. The New York realty is the sole property of the local members.

Meet Here in 1925.

In 1865, the Independent Order of St. Luke was organized by a woman, Mary Prout, at Baltimore. At her death she was succeeded by a man under his leadership. Twenty-five years ago, Mrs. Walker assumed command with a total membership of less than 1,000 and a 1431 liabil-

ity. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Treasurer can now proudly point to her organization operating in twenty-four states and its healthy financial condition.

As an appreciation of the society's marged growth in New York City, the Right Worthy Grand Council has voted to meet here in 1925 instead of Richmond, where all the biennial conventions have been held for the last quarter of a century.

Among the New Yorkers in charge of arrangements for the National meeting are Dr. A. C. Garner, pastor of Grace Congregational church and trustee-at-large of the Grand Council; Dennis Grice, New York trustee and deputy; Mrs. Charity Jones, New York trustee and Mother of Councils; Dr. George H. Sims, pastor of Union Baptist church and Right Worthy Grand Prelate; Mrs. Sarah A. Clark, Right Worthy Grand Vice Chief.

In recognition of her constructive work in the interest of the organization plans are on foot to make Mrs. Walker's twenty-five years in office memorable by sending her on a trip abroad, her itinerary to include England and the Continent, Egypt and the Holy Land.

Indianapolis is host this week to more than 400 delegates who began arriving in the city early Sunday morning by train and automobile, to attend the eleventh triennial session of the International Order of Twelve, Knights and Daughters of Tabor, which convened Tuesday morning at Trinity Lodge hall, Twenty-first street and Boulevard place.

The meeting of the grand council, presided over by the chief grand mentor, Sir S. A. Jordan, of Little Rock, Ark., in which 20 members, representing as many states was held on Monday. The Rev. B. F. Farrell, I. O. G. S., heads the state organization in Indiana. *8-30-24*

The International officers are: Sir S. A. Jordan, I. C. G. M., Little Rock, Ark.; Dt. Jennie Jones, I. G. H. P., Jacksonville, Ill.; Sir S. S. Reid, I. V. G. M., Marshall, Texas; Dt. Mattie Brooks, I. V. G. P., Des Moines, Ia.; Sir J. E. Herriford, I. C. G. S., Kansas City, Mo.; Sir Seth Neal, I. C. G. T., Guthrie, Okla.; Sir G. E. Newstell, I. G. P. P., Montgomery, Ala., and Dt. Ella E. Faison, I. G. Q. M., Indianapolis, Ind.

The bureau for registering the visitors worked until a late hour Monday evening, caring for the delegates as they arrived in states. Quite a bit of color was added to the many small gatherings by the different uniformed bodies of the order.

Women Drill Teams.

Among the many delegates are women drill teams who gave exhibitions daily. The Friday evening program at Tomlinson's hall will be the greatest Taborian Military display and competitive drill in the history of the order, the following drill teams will participate: Palatine Guards and Ladies Drill Teams, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas.

The local general committee on arrangements is headed by Sir R. J. Person, chairman. Following is a list of the state grand officers: Sir Rev. B. F. Farrell, C. G. M.; Dt. Bertha Dorsey, G. H. P.; Sir R. J. Person, C. G. S.; Dt. Fannie Hausley, C. G. R.; Sir Rev. William Gill, C. G. treasurer; Sir L. T. Davis, G. P. P. Dt. Ella Cullom, G. G. M.; Sir Rev. James R. Averett, C. G. O.; Dt. Carrie Green, C. G. Priest; Dt. Nina Carter, G. I. sentinel and Dt. Mary Bybee, P. C. G. R.

NEGROES COMPLETE WETUMPKA TEMPLE

Structure Costing \$25,000 to
be State Headquarters
for Society

WETUMPKA, ALA., Nov. 28.—Special to The Advertiser.—"Love and Do Well Society" a negro organization has just completed a \$25,000 temple which will be headquarters for this organization for the entire state.

The building is erected on North Company street and is a four story brick building with all modern equipment. It is a handsome structure and the negro citizens of Wetumpka deserve great commendation for this noteworthy achievement.

The Methodist ladies of Wetumpka held their annual bazaar Tuesday at the courthouse. Turkey dinner was the main feature of the day while candies, fancy work and housewifery was sold at different booths. Over three hundred dollars was cleared and the affair voted a success in every way.

The inmates of the Elmore county poor house were remembered on Thanksgiving day with generously filled baskets of all kinds of Thanksgiving delicacies. The personal service committee of the Wetumpka Baptist church and the Junior Missionary society of the Wetumpka Methodist church were responsible for this thoughtful deed.

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ALPHA PHI ALPHA CONVENTION CALLED HISTORY MAKER AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

COLUMBUS, OHIO.—"History in the Making" was the popular characterization of the sixteenth annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity just closing here today, December 31, 1923, where more than 600 college men from sixty-six of America's best educational institutions gathered to discuss means by which the problems in Negro racial life may be met. Negro college men from all sections of the country were present at the convention, the sections represented stretching from Massachusetts on the New England coast to California on the Pacific and from Minnesota to Georgia.

Perhaps the outstanding legislation of the convention was that adopting resolutions to send a communication to President Coolidge recommending the release of the remaining members of the 25th Infantry, now incarcerated in Leavenworth, and to make a contribution to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to aid in its campaign for the passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill, now before the Congress of the United States.

The opening session of the convention was held Thursday afternoon, December 27, at the Spring Street Y. M. C. A., with over four hundred delegates from the various colleges and universities throughout the United States in attendance, under the direction of its national officers: S. S. Booker, Baltimore, president; Raymond P. Alexander, Philadelphia, first vice-president; Raymond W. Cannon, Indianapolis, second vice-president; Jas. W. McGregor, Los Angeles, third vice-president; Norman L. McGhee, Washington, secretary; Homer Cooper, treasurer, Chicago, and Oscar C. Brown, Atlanta, editor of the Sphinx. Among the colleges and universities represented were: Cornell, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Chicago, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio, Howard, Union, Lincoln, Wilberforce, West Virginia, Collegiate Institute, Meharry Medical College, University of California, University of Cincinnati, Pennsylvania, Atlanta and many others. 1-12-24

On Sunday, December 30, the annual convention delegation made a pilgrimage to the home of Paul Laurence Dunbar, at Dayton, Ohio. Arrangements had been made for special cars over the interurban railway between Columbus and Dayton to take the delegates to Dayton, where they were met by a train of automobiles which conveyed them to the home of Dunbar. The program conducted at the home included a welcome address by O. Q. Morris, president of Theta-Lambda Chapter of the Fraternity, located at Dayton; a presentation address by Raymond W. Cannon, second vice-president, and a response in the form of an acceptance of a bunch of beautiful flowers given by the Fraternity to Mrs. Matilda J. Dunbar, mother of the poet. The master of ceremonies was R. M. Swayne. From the home the delegation was conveyed to Woodlawn Cemetery to Dunbar's grave, where a most impressive ceremony was held, which included a tribute to Dunbar's contribution to literature by Dr. J. A. Gregg, president of Wilberforce University; a reading of "When All Is Done," one of the poet's compositions, by Miss Edna Browne, and a tribute by S. S. Booker, general president of the Alpha Phi Alpha. The master of ceremonies was B. Andrew Rose. Following these ceremonies the delegation was conveyed to Memorial Hall, Dayton, to be banqueted. The program for the banquet included an address on "Collegiate Fraternal Friendship," by Norman L. McGhee, general secretary of Alpha Phi Alpha; an address, "The Growth of Sororities," by Dr. Sadia T. Alexander, president of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; an address by James W. McGregor, "The Aim of Alpha Phi Alpha"; an address by James A. Dunn, "Graduate Chapters," and a greeting from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by Miss Thelma L. Taylor, one of the youngest members of the Sorority connected with the Kappa Chapter in Indianapolis, Ind. The addresses were interspersed with vocal and musical selections given by Miss Helen Walker, Madame Florence Cole Talbert and Mrs. A. W. Hardy and a reading of Dunbar's "Ode to Ethiopia" by Miss Edna Browne. The master of ceremonies was William O. Stokes of Theta Lambda Chapter.

Upon the return of the convention delegation to Columbus, Ohio, the entire body repaired to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce auditorium to

attend the public session, where Attorney Robert L. Vann of Pittsburgh spoke on the subject, "The College Man's Opportunity."

The final session of the Fraternity was held Monday, at which time after the delegates listened to the report of the director of the "Go to High School, Go to College" drive, which showed that more than three million children and parents had been reached and influenced to go further in education, the convention authorized that the movement be continued and promoted even more vigorously during 1924. Constructive plans were outlined with reference to the conduct of the Fraternity's program for the year 1924. At the end of the session the following officers were elected: Raymond W. Cannon, president; Raymond P. Alexander, first vice-president; James W. McGregor, second vice-president; D. L. Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, third vice-president; Norman L. McGhee, secretary; Homer Cooper, treasurer, and Oscar C. Brown, editor of the Sphinx.

New York in 1924

Following the election of officers of the Fraternity a spirited contest was entered into for selection of the meeting place in 1924. The convention was besieged with invitations from all sections, including Atlanta, New York city, Cincinnati, Detroit and other cities. After a hotly contested fight conducted by the Atlanta delegation it was finally conceded to New York city by about three votes.

During the convention week numerous social events were held, including the annual smoker and symposium, an informal dance at Odd Fellows Hall, the annual Fraternity dance in the Ohio State University gymnasium, and dances in honor of the delegates given by the Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities. The convention ended with the annual Fraternity banquet, held in the Spring street Y. M. C. A., as the shrieking of whistles announced the arrival of the new year. Announcement was made at the banquet of the winning of the McGee Cup by Phi Chapter at Ohio University for the best record during 1923.

Among the various members of the Fraternity present during the convention were Dr. J. E. Moorland, Hon. Robert L. Vann, Dr. W. S. Scarborough, Mr. C. H. Tobias, Dr. J. A. Gregg, Prof. L. F. Palmer, Mr. Aaron E. Malone, Dr. C. A. Greer, Dr. Nelson Glover, Dr. Elwood Downing, Dr. A. L. Curtis, Arthur D. Stevenson, Garrett A. Morgan, Attorney Sydney P. Brown, Rev. Russell A. Brown, Arnett G. Lindsay, Dr. Charles H. Garvin, Dr. N. K. Christopher, D. B. C. Styles, Mr. M. A. Allen and many others. The guests of the

School Fraternities.

Fraternity during the convention were M. A. Morrison, first general-president that the Fraternity had, and George B. Kelly, one of its founders.

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY UNDERTAKES AMBITIOUS PROGRAM.

By Jesse O. Thomas.

The twelfth convocation of the Omega Psi Phi was held in St. Louis, Mo., the 26th through the 30th of December, inclusive. The growth and expansion of the fraternity as it relates to new chapters being organized during the past year was beyond the most sanguine expectation. At the eleventh convocation in Philadelphia in 1922, 45 or an increase of 17 chapters was set as a goal for 1923. Not only was the dream and ambition of the grand officials realized but a greater number than contemplated was actually set up—19 new chapters being added during the year, instead of 17, the maximum goal set.

The Omega Psi Phi was truly the guest of the citizens of St. Louis. St. Louis, one of the few cities in colored America where there seems to be unlimited social resources of the high-class order that can provide with unbounded facilities, social functions without number.

The writer gave special consideration to the conduct of this convocation. The Grand Basileus, or presiding officer was Brother J. A. Atkins, an honor graduate of Yale Law School and attorney-at-law from Muskogee, Oklahoma. His father has been in educational work at Winston-Salem, N. C., for a generation and is regarded as one of the outstanding educational and Christian statesmen of the Race.

The meeting was conducted in a very high class fashion. Questions discussed and problems dealt with were of sufficient moment and momentum to engage the attention of men of whatever station who are students of human progress.

PHI BETA SIGMA CONVENTION PORTRAYS THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS OF NEGRO IN AMERICA

Nashville, Tenn.—Nothing more vividly portrayed the educational progress of the American Negro than appearance in Nashville, Tenn. of more than 70 delegates of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity from 40 of the leading colleges and universities in the United States in attendance upon the tenth annual convention, December 26th to 30th, inclusive, 1923. The occasion furnished an idea of just what place a fraternity occupies in college life. The Kappa Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma, located at Nashville, saw to it that every delegate and visiting member of the Phi Beta Sigma was comfortably situated throughout the period of the convention.

The opening session of the convention to the public was held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Meharry auditorium with an opening address of welcome by Mayor Hilary E. Howse. The meeting was conducted by the national president, J. W. Woodhouse, Baltimore, Md., and the speakers were Dr. John J. Mullaney, president of Meharry Medical College and Dr. C. K. Brown, pastor of the Clark Memorial Church and Mr. Moore represented the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; Mr. Price represented the Kappa Psi; Mr. Champion represented the Omega Psi Phi fraternity; Mr. Green represented the Chi Delta Mu fraternity.

The business of the convention was successfully handled under the direction of the national officers of the fraternity, J. W. Woodhouse, President; J. W. Owen, Vice-President; A. L. Taylor, Field Secretary; P. McNeal Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer, and E. D. Johnson, Editor of the official organ.

At the Thursday morning session the national officers of the fraternity made their yearly reports. The national president, J. W. Woodhouse, reported that the fraternity had made great progress during the year, especially in Douglass Scholarship Fund.

Much interest was exhibited in

the selection of the meeting place for the eleventh annual convention, and after a spirited campaign on the part of the delegates of the four chapters in the state of Pennsylvania, who urged that Philadelphia, Penn., be selected. The convention decided in their favor despite the enticing bids of the delegates of New York and Chicago.

At the end of the final session the following officers were elected: To guide the Phi Beta Sigma through the year 1924, J. W. Woodhouse, Baltimore, Md., President; H. L. Stephens, Marshall, Texas, Vice-President; A. L. Taylor, Washington, D. C., Field Secretary; R. B. Jackson, Nashville, Tenn., Secretary-Treasurer; I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo, N. Y., Editor of the Official Organ.

Nashville Entertains.

Nashville was host to the Phi Beta Sigma during the convention week aside from the scheduled social events which included the inter-fraternal smoker at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night, the annual banquet at Philip's Hall, Roger William University. The annual formal ball Friday night at the German-American Hall and Saturday night the Zeta Phi Beta, the sister sorority of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, presented "A Night in Bohemia" at the Bon Ton studio.

The convention closed Sunday, December 30, with a public fraternal service at the Spruce Street Baptist Church. Address by the General President, J. W. Woodhouse.

The farewell address by Dr. Lawrence Campbell, pastor of the Spruce Street Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., an active member of the Phi Beta Sigma, gave to the public a very definite idea of the relation of which Phi Beta Sigma bears to it in his sound and commonsense analysis of his subject "Phi Beta Sigma Relation to the Public."

Kappa Boys Get Gay Welcome in Kentucky Town

Louisville Throws Open Its Doors to Honor Fraternity

Men; Editor Honored

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—The closing of the 13th annual grand chapter meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity in this city last week marked the greatest session in its history. Not since the national medical convention in 1921 has Louisville been the host of such a prominent and intellectual group. Tuesday to Thursday, Louisville showed its hospitality toward these young men and made all feel the Kentucky spirit. Business sessions were held at the R. E. Jones temple, 6th and Walnut Sts.

Society did its best in putting things over. The Es Key Cee club, composed of Louisville's prominent young women, entertained Wednesday with a "black and white" party; on Thursday, in a body of 200, the Kappas attended the Roland Hayes recital at Macauley's theater, after which the ladies' auxiliary of the Louisville chapter gave a reception and dance; Friday marked the day of the grand prom at the Pythian temple ballroom, and Saturday the banquet and smoker given by the local chapter of the Omega Phi Psi fraternity. During the week many house parties and teas were given the delegates.

A strong business program was carried out. The outstanding features were the passing of legislation for the purchase of fraternity houses for active chapters, which means that more of our young men will have a better place to study and get the proper association while in college and a stronger support of the Guide Right movement in aiding the citizens to put over matters of vital importance to us as a group.

Editor Robert S. Abbott of the Chicago Defender was voted the laurel wreath for distinctive achievement in the field of journalism, which is to be conferred upon him in 1924 at the grand chapter meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Phil A. Jones, general manager of the Chicago Defender, was voted a member of the fraternity.

The following officers and members of the board were elected for the year 1924: W. Ellis Stewart, grand polemarch, Chicago; J. N. Bailey vice grand polemarch, Indianapolis; J. Ernest Wilkins, grand keeper of records and exchequer, Chicago; V. J. Washington, strategus, Bloomington, Ind.; H. M. Bond, lieutenant strategus, Lincoln, Pa.; B. K. Armstrong, chairman of board, Langston, Okla.; Dr. J. Edgar Dibble, Kansas City, Mo., and G. Victor Cooles, Institute, W. Va., members of the board.

The next session of the grand chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi will be held in St. Louis, Mo. in 1924.

Alpha Phi Alpha in 16th

Convention At Columbus

Columbus, Ohio.—Hundreds of college men from all sections of the United States are pouring into Columbus, Ohio, for the sixteenth annual convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, which opened Thursday, December 27th, and runs through the 31st.

The program includes a pilgrimage to the home of the late Paul Lawrence Dunbar in Dayton, Ohio, where appropriate memorial services will be held in connection with the placing of a floral wreath on his grave. Arrangements for this pilgrimage were made by Theta Lambda Graduates Chapter of Dayton,

through the delegates of the New Ohio. York Chapter, a most cordial invitation to the convention to hold their 17th annual session in New York City, 1924. A prominent New York physician, Dr. P. F. Anderson and Rev. Marshall L. Shepard, assistant pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, are delegates from Eta Chapter of this city. They expect to bring the next convention to New York City and they carry with them invitations from prominent individuals and organizations of this city, also the following letter from Gov. Smith of New York State.

Governor Smith's Letter
STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

Alfred E. Smith,
Governor.

December 11, 1923.

Alpha Phi Alpha,
National Convention,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dears Sirs:

It has been brought to my attention that Eta Chapter in New York City is desirous of entertaining your annual convention in 1924. I have personally visited Harlem on several occasions and if you receive but part of the cordial welcome accorded me, you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves and profit from such a visit. It is a pleasure for me to add my voice to the many in and out of executive position, who ask that you hold your next annual convention within the borders of New York State.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ALFRED E. SMITH.

Individuals and organizations who extend invitations to the convention are: Mayor John F. Hyland, Fred R. Moore of The New York Age; Jas. H. Hubert, New York Urban League; John E. Nail, Association of Trade and Commerce; L. E. Berry, Harlem Branch N. A. A. C. P.

The convention now in session promises to be the most interesting one in the history of the organization.

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The public session will be held Sunday, December 30, in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce of Columbus, when R. L. Vann of Pittsburg will speak on "The College Man's Opportunity."

10TH ANNUAL MEETING OF CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI SIGNORS

Nashville, Jan. 4.—The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity held its 10th annual convention last week at Meharry Medical college, Nashville. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. E. Brown, D. D., of Nashville, A. L. Taylor of Washington and Prof. J. W. Woodhouse of Baltimore. The committee of arrangements consisted of R. B. Jackson, A. C. Gilmore, Phi Beta Sigma house, and A. L. Taylor, Alpha Sigma house. Chapters attending were: Alpha Sigma, Washington; Beta Sigma, Norfolk, Va.; Gamma Sigma, Tuskegee institute, Ala.; Delta Sigma, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Epsilon Sigma, New York; Zeta Sigma, Baltimore, Md.; Eta Sigma, Raleigh, N. C.; Theta Sigma, Richmond, Va.; Iota Sigma, Buffalo, N. Y.; Kappa Sigma, Muskogee, Okla.; Alpha, Howard university, Washington; Beta, Wiley university, Marshall, Texas; Gamma, Morgan college, Baltimore, Md.; Delta, Kansas State college, Manhattan, Kan.; Epsilon, Temple university, Philadelphia; Zeta, Morris Brown university, Atlanta, Ga.; Eta, A. and T. college, Greensboro, N. C.; Theta, George R. Smith college, Sedalia, Mo.; Iota, Shaw university, Raleigh, N. C.; Kappa, Meharry college, Nashville, Tenn.; Lambda, Virginia Union university, Richmond, Va.; Mu, Lincoln university, Lincoln, Pa.; Nu, Chicago university, Chicago; Xi, Roger Williams university, Nashville, Tenn.

ST. LOUIS CHOSEN FOR 1924 KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Special to the Argus.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 2.—The St. Louis Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi has been accorded the honor of entertaining the 14th Grand Chapter in December, 1924. This decision was made at the recent national convocation of this fraternity which was held in Louisville, Ky.

A host of delegates and friends were the recipients of the traditional hospitality of the metropolis of Kentucky. The brilliant social affairs were consistent with such a gathering of representative young men, but in no way deterred them from the enactment of much constructive legislation, the high-water mark of which was the adoption of a plan which provides for the establishment of a fund to purchase fraternity homes at the various universities where chapters are located. It is said by those conversant with the situation that this plan strikes at the heart of one of the most difficult problems that faces every student in the institutions of higher learning.

Under the plans of the oncoming year, the Guide Right Movement which was inaugurated in St. Louis on Dec. 14, 1923, will be extended and will gradually embrace the entire country.

Unusually large delegations were present from the various chapters. The Chicago Alumni Chapter was represented by twenty men including the quartet. The Indianapolis Alumni chapter was represented by about fifteen men. St. Louis was represented by Messrs. Fred P. Blair, E. H. Colbert, L. P. Garrett, S. H. Du Valle, Curtis I. Gordon, Drs. Chas. Herriot and J. J. Peters.

The following Grand officers were elected: W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago, Grand Polemarch; Atty. R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis, Grand Vice Polemarch; Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Grand Keeper of Records and Exchequer; Valorus Washington, Indiana University, Grand Strategus; A. M. Townsend, Jr., Moorehouse, Grand Lieut. Strategus. Grand Board of Directors: Byron K. Armstrong, Chairman, Langston, Okla.; G. Victor Cools, Institute W. Va.; and Dr. J. Edgar Dibble, Kansas City.

No account of the meeting would be complete without special mention of the wonderful co-operative spirit that exists between the various college fraternities of Louisville. Dr. Horace Morris of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, rendered a very able number on one of the programs. The visiting delegates and friends were the guests of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at a smoker held at Charlotte Inn.

Delta Sigma Theta Frat To Meet in N. Y. 1924

Columbus, Ohio.—A permanent scholarship fund of \$1,000 for Negro college women was established at the 10th anniversary and fifth annual convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held in the St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Long and Lexington streets, December 27-29 inclusive. Three hundred delegates, sorors and friends attended.

The following officers were elected: Miss Dorothy Pelham of Washington, president; Miss Vivian A. Marsh of Berkeley, Calif., vice-president; Miss Edna B. Johnson, Tuskegee Institute, recording secretary; Miss Alzada Singleton of Louisville, Ky., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Osceola Adams of Chicago, treasurer, and Miss Pauline A.

Young of Tuskegee Institute, journalist. New York City was decided upon as the convention city for December 27-30, 1924.

Secret Societies — 1924.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Meeting

Pauline A. Young

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 9.—(By The Associated Negro Press). A permanent Scholarship Fund of \$1,000 for Negro college women was established at the Tenth Anniversary and Fifth Annual Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority held in the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Long and Lexington Streets from December 27-29, inclusive, and which convolve was attended by 300 delegates, sorors and friends. The following officers were elected: Miss Dorothy Pelham, prominent young Washington teacher, president; Mrs. Vivian A. Marsh, of Berkeley, Calif., M. A., University of California, vice-president; Miss Edna B. Johnson, instructor at Tuskegee Institute, recording secretary; Miss Alzada Singleton, of Louisville, Kentucky, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Osceola Adams, of Chicago, treasurer, and Miss Pauline A. Young, of the Tuskegee Institute Press Service, the journalist. A national program for Delta Sigma Theta and the establishment of the Scholarship Fund were the principal discussions of what Dr. Sadie Mossell Alexander, the retiring Grand President, declared was the most successful convention of this organization. On the closing day of the convention, Saturday, December 29th, New York City was decided upon as the convention city for December 27-30, 1924. New York City is the site of an undergraduate and a graduate chapter, Rho and Alpha-Beta, respectively.

The Host Chapter and City

The Convention was the guest of University. Epsilon opened the gates of the beautiful city of Columbus and the hearts of its inhabitants to their visiting sorors and friends. From the opening "reunion" session in the Elks' Home, on Thursday, to the adjournment on Saturday evening the days were replete with earnest purpose, achievement and friendly cordiality. The Blue Triangle Center of the Y. W. C. A., 690 Long street, which was the headquarters of the Convention and the National Urban League, Columbus branch, were both particularly gracious to the many, many strangers in town and the Convention.

The Sessions

Since the World War, it will be noted that the national and racial movements that always follow such tremendous economic events and situations have been, markedly, young movements—the young Turks, the Fascisti of Italy and the like, asserted Dr. Sadie Mossell Alexander in the

presidents annual address. "The world today is listening to the young; it wants their opinions; it wants to know what they are thinking and it is listening," she continued. "And just so has the influence and growth of our Negro sororities and fraternities been stimulated and strengthened," claimed Dr. Alexander as she reviewed the Delta Sigma Theta history in its "Decade of Influence." For one-half of this decade Fr. Alexander has guided Delta Sigma Theta as its Grand President and at this convention she retired and became the first honorary president of the Sorority.

At the public meeting of the Convention, which was very largely attended on Thursday afternoon at St. Paul Church, at 2 p. m. Mme Florence Cole-Talbert sang and thereafter this loyal soror graced the sessions with her art. A reception was tendered the delegates and friends at the Elks' Home on Thursday afternoon, at 5-7. The Kappa Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity joined forces with the Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta to entertain all convention attendants at the "Kapp-Epsilon Prom" at Garfield Academy, at 9 p. m., Thursday evening.

The Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund was established and will serve also as a tuition loan fund for Delta Sigma Theta women. The Scholarship Fund itself is available for needy and worthy Negro College women attending accredited colleges and universities of the United States. Full details concerning the application of his two-fold fund can be secured from the chairman of the Scholarship Committee and from Miss Edna B. Johnson, Secretary, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

The Pilgrimage to Dayton

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Convention was the guest of Lambda Beta Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in its third annual memorial pilgrimage to the shrine of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday, December 30. The exercises of the entire day were impressive and the banquet in the Memorial Hall of Dayton was a feature of the ceremony not to be forgotten very soon. Dr. Sadie Mossell Alexander, the retiring president of Delta Sigma Theta addressed the assemblage of 1,500 persons on "The Growth of Sororities." On to New York is the cry of Delta Sigma Theta, as it faces another year of achievement.

School Fraternities.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY BOULE HOLDS SESSION AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md.—The Sixth annual Boule of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority convened here at Sharp Street Church Community Center, December 27, 28 and 29. Ninety college women, representing thirty-three graduate and undergraduate chapters, from California to New York and from Minnesota to Georgia, made this the most remarkable Boule in the history of A. K. A. -19-24

The following officers were elected: Supreme basileus, Miss L. Pearl Mitchell, 2270 East 95th street, Cleveland; 1st anti-basileus, Mrs. Vivian Johnson Cooke, Baltimore; 2nd anti-basileus, Miss Beulah Burke, Kansas City, Kan.; grammateus, Miss Murray B. Atkins, Indianapolis; assistant grammateus, Miss Lucille Armstead, Indianapolis; epistoleus, Mrs. Irma Bruce Davis, Baltimore; tamiochus, Mrs. Ethel Lyle, Philadelphia; editor-in-chief, Miss Althea Merchant, St. Louis; eastern organizer, Grace Hill, Baltimore; central organizer, Carolyn Payne, Wilberforce; western organizer, Blanche Patterson, Kansas City, Mo.; north eastern organizer, C. Vivian Carter, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Boule will meet at Philadelphia in 1924.

DELTA MU'S HERE NEXT WEEK

National Medical Fraternity Holds Its Annual Convention Easter Week

The annual convention of the "Chi-Delta-Mu" Fraternity, the only colored medical fraternity in the United States will be entertained in Baltimore during Easter week by the local "IOTA" chapter. Delegates from most of the large cities and Medical Colleges of the country will attend.

The headquarters for the convention will be at the Elks' Hall. The public meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. at St. Paul Church, Lincoln and Biddle street, the evening of April 23rd. Dr. E. C. Terry of Washington, D. C., one of its founders and Dr. W. H. A. Barrett of St. Louis; Grand Pres. will attend. Among the speakers at the public meeting will be Dr. Pezavia O'Connell of Morgan College and Drs. B. P. Hunt and Elmer C. Terry of Washington, D. C. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The officers of the local chapters are as follows: Drs. Lucius A. Butler, Pres.; James B. Hawkins, Vice-Pres.; Enoch W. Dickerson, Oliver W. H. McNeill, Sgt.-at-arms Cor-Sec.; Albert A. Smith, Treas.; and Cecil F. Gloster, editor of official organ (Dragon).

COLLEGE GIRLS TO HOLD ANNUAL EDUCATION WEEK

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Fosters Campaign to Reduce Illiteracy

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., April 25.—Monster mass meetings in schools, colleges, churches and public auditoriums presentation of prominent Race artists and speakers, co-operative meetings with clubs of grammar school and high school seniors and with Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and social workers, posting of graphic placards, essay contests, dramatization of plays and pageants of Negro authorship principally are some of the features of the country-wide educational campaign program of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority that culminates annually in the observance of the Delta Sigma Theta Educational Week, the first week of May. Mrs. Alice Dunbar-Nelson, well-known speaker and writer of Wilmington, Del., the director of the program department, announces that this Delta Sigma Theta Educational week promises to surpass in public enthusiasm and accomplishment any in the history of this organization of college women of our Race, of which Miss G. Dorothy Pelham of Washington, D. C., is president and Mrs. Sadie Mossell Alexander of Philadelphia the first honorary president. 4-26-24

A "Twilight Musicale" at the new Harriet Beecher Stowe school, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sunday evening, May 4 and a \$50 essay contest for Ohio high school pupils offered by the combined Ohio chapters of the sorority at Wilberforce university, Ohio State university, Columbus, Ohio and the University of Cincinnati; the presentation of Cornelia Lampton, pianist, in Witherspoon hall, Philadelphia by Gamma chapter of the University of Pennsylvania; a "Higher-Education Meeting" with the Y. W. C. A. of Los Angeles, Calif., accompanied by a stereopticon lecture by a professor of the Department of Anthropology of the University of California at Kappa chapter; a "Grand Concert" by the Younger musicians of New York at Rho and Alpha-Beta chapters, New York City; presentation of the Junior college girls of Tuskegee Institute in a dramatization of Tennyson's "The Princess," at Zeta-Beta chapter, Tuskegee Institute; daily talks by members of the sorority in the senior and junior high schools of Washing-

ton, D. C., give an indication of the methods of the individual chapters of the sorority in propagating more and better educational aims among the young and adult of the Race, particularly among the girls.

ILLINOIS U. UPHOLDS OUR FRATERNITIES

Dean Scores Students for Prejudice

Champaign, Ill.—An attempt by a few of the prejudiced students of the University of Illinois to embody a phrase into the code of laws for the interfraternity council barring all fraternities of our Race from participation was frustrated last week through the promptness with which the matter was brought before the university officials by Nelson C. Moseley, Eugene Woods and Harold West, members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. 4-19-24

The Daily Mini in publishing the results of the last council meeting and its proposed constitution says: "Several changes over the previous plans appeared in the council's proposed constitution as it was read for the first time together. Under the code as it will be voted on, membership in the organization includes all local social organizations which have had a recognized existence for two years, providing that no organization admitting Negroes to membership be included."

The men mentioned above hurried to Dean Babcock of the college of liberal arts and Dr. Thomas Angle Clark, dean of men, with the information of what the council was planning. The two members of the university faculty at once notified the students that unless they removed the objectionable clause from the constitution the university would refuse to recognize the council.

"An interfraternity council," declared Dean Clark, "in order to be sanctioned by the council of administration of the University of Illinois must be an interfraternity council of all fraternities, regardless of the nationality or color of their members."

COLLEGE WOMEN CONVENE HERE

With delegates representing a number of States and nearly a score of colleges and universities, The National Association of College Women which met at the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A. last week, made the temporary organization a permanent one, with Dean Lucy D. Slowe, president, and Mrs. Lucy Holmes, secretary-treasurer.

They executed a program that was practical and definite. On the luncheon topic: "Has the College women a contribution to make to society?" This subject was discussed by Miss Dorothy Pelham and Miss Clarissa Scott.

In response to the question: "What can college women do to improve the social and intellectual life of their communities?" many pertinent questions were asked and suggestions offered. Miss Frances Williams, of New York City, gave many helpful suggestions and illustrations. Miss Eva Dykes, of Dunbar High School, this city, asked these pertinent questions: "How many people live in your block?" "How many of them do you know?" "Would you be missed if you should move out of the neighborhood?"

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, director of the association for the study of Negro life and history, addressed the association Saturday evening on "Negro History in Relation to the Colored Woman." He mentioned many new facts of Negro women in history.

Dean Slowe, the president of the association, delivered a pointed and progressive address and Miss Zita Dyson answered the question, "Are international scholarships desirable and practical?"

The delegation was received by President Coolidge Saturday.

Receptions were given in honor of the visiting college women by the women of Howard University, the Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta Sororities and by the College Alumnae Club of Washington.

The next annual convention will be held in Baltimore, Md.

KAPPA FORMS CHAPTER

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was formed at the University of Buffalo here with Homer N. Hall as president.

New York College Girls Form New Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

An undergraduate chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, chartered as Rho, has been recently formed in New York City.

The charter members are Constance L. Willis, of Hunter College, president; Gwendolyn B. Bennett, Columbia University, secretary and journalist; Mildred L. Randolph, Columbia, treasurer; Elizabeth Schuyler of Adelphi College, and Carlena O. Alexander of Hunter College.

Rho Chapter will assist Alpha Beta, the New York graduate chapter of the Sorority, as hostesses at a benefit card party to be held Wednesday evening, February 27, at the home of Mrs. J. Gordon Dingle, 229 West 135th street.

RACE SCHOLARS ARE NEEDED TO STUDY AFRICAN ARCHEOLOGY

Dr. A. L. Locke, Addressing Shaw Frat, Says African-Blooded People Are Needed for African Research.

(Special Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C.—The Iota Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has been an active factor in the social and intellectual life of Shaw University.

The annual program, given on March 14, in support of the Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund, was featured by the presence of Alan L. Locke, professor of philosophy at Howard University, who spoke on "Africa and the source of civilization." Prof. Locke is a graduate of Harvard, where he won a Rhodes Scholarship, with degree of Ph. D., and of Oxford, Eng-

land, with degree of Litt. D.

The president of Iota Chapter, C. A. Robbins, opened the program in the university chapel at 8 o'clock. R. A. Thornton, baritone, sang Cadman's "The mood drops low," and Edwin Johnson of Alpha Chapter, professor of English in the Newbern, N. C., high school introduced the speaker. Mr. Johnson called attention of the students to the value of Oriental languages as a medium for the study of our race group.

Dr. Locke said that discussing the subject with trepidation not being an authority nevertheless he recognized the need of authorities in this archeological and ethnological field, and hoped for scholars from our race group, broad and scientific, who will aid science in its exploitation of Africa. Continuing, he said in part:

Africa's Possibilities.

"Specialists admit Africa's possibilities. Africa cannot be justly interpreted in the light of present European standards of civilization but by an evolutionary standard such as now pervades study. The problem is to find the origins of society and civilization and it involves the study of primitive peoples, history and prehistoric data. Recent turnings to Africa offers competent scholarship and promising traits.

"In our good and deserving mother country we have few research Negro scholars. We have plenty missionaries, but only one man, Mr. Ellis, has made a definite contribution to African research science. African scholars are but little better. About two have written standard treatises. There are many volumes on African archeology and ethnology. We as a group, have made the least scientific contribution, but it cannot always be so.

"The Carter expedition has received undue publicity when we compare the scientific value of its findings with that of other scientific expeditions. The project is not racial, it is science problem, and science knows no race. The major evidence of African civilization is to be treated by the principles of social evolution and still must be archeological. It is fortunate that Europe has not exploited all or most of the material for study in Africa. The Europeans are to be commended for what they have done in the way of discovery and interpretation. But we as a group owe something; we should not go in to exploit a sentimental interest, we have something to give science.

Research by Africans.

"What African research needs is research by African blooded people."

Europeans admit the lack of a psychological entree to interpret the findings in Egypt and larger Africa. Her high school and college girls of the need and opportunity for the peculiar thought of the African mind. "The mass of the data for study exceeds the amount of work to be done on it. The fault of the German scholars lies in that they influence other away from the real truth in the data. The more facts we have accumulated the more controversy has developed. There are countless theories but hardly any of them agree. The authorities want trained African minds to study the psychology of the African people and interpret the data more vitally."

Following Dr. Locke's address "Souvenir" (Drlda) was rendered by violin by Watson Fowler.

The following honorary members were given the oath in the Iota Chapter: R. E. Wimberly, Ph. C.; G. Perry, M. D.; Rev. P. R. Deberry and James Taylor of Raleigh; Dr. Cordington of Dunn; and Dr. M. C. Kin of Franklinton.

NEGRO STUDENT WINS PHI BETA KAPPA KEY AT DARTMOUTH COL.

Robert Shaw Wilkinson jr., a senior at Dartmouth College, has just won the distinguished scholastic honor of being elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, which is conferred in the leading colleges and universities of America on undergraduates, who are among the best scholars, and is for scholarship only.

Up to date only forty-seven Negroes have made this fraternity. It is also a significant fact that two of this number have been former students and graduates of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College at Orangeburg, S. C. They are Dr. E. E. Just, professor of Physiology at Howard University, Washington; and R. S. Wilkinson jr. It is also remarkable that both of these illustrious men won the honor at Dartmouth College. Young Wilkinson is the eldest son of President Wilkinson, State A. & M. College, Orangeburg. He excelled in scientific subjects with the exceptional general average of 96.25 per cent.

SORORITY TO HAVE VOCATIONAL WEEK

New York.—Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at its last bough adopted the

observance of a vocational "guidance week" as a part of its national program. The week of May 23 to 30 has been chosen by the sorority for the observance. The first meeting will be a "get-together" on May 23 (Friday), at 8 p. m. at the W. 135th St. library, followed by conferences. All high school and college girls are urged to attend. Vocational guidance week will close with an informal party.

Kappa Alpha Psi Frat to Aid Youth Shape Future

The nation is to have a new movement. One calculated to economize effort and to direct and assist the youth of the Race in choosing the right vocation. Such is the "Guide Right" movement initiated by the Kappa Alpha Psi, national Greek letter fraternity with chapters and members at leading universities and colleges throughout the country.

The birthplace of the movement is St. Louis, Mo., where it has been successfully tried by the Greek letter men in that city. Since its adoption last Christmas at the convocation of these college men at Louisville, Ky., plans and programs have been arranged by the Guide Right commission, headed by Dr. Jesse J. Peters of St. Louis, father of the Guide Right idea. According to Leon W. Stewart, member of the staff of the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. and secretary of the Guide Right Commission, the movement primarily seeks to take the high school students of the nation and guide them right.

According to plans formulated by those in charge, a questionnaire will be drawn up and presented to high school boys throughout the city. This questionnaire will be drawn in such a way that, if answered correctly, the youth will be forced to reveal some of his inner nature. It will also cause him to go into a period of in-

trospection which should go a long way toward helping the boy to find himself.

This movement will have its first national week beginning with May 18. Every effort is being made to impress the nation to such an extent that in subsequent years the "Guide Right" week will be considered as much of a national institution as many others that have found themselves in American society, and are becoming to mean much to our youth everywhere.

Already several cities throughout the Mid-West have adopted the plan of the "Guide Right" committee and have set aside certain days for programs to be rendered, bearing on the subject in the different schools. Foremost among these cities are Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Louisville, Ky., and Indianapolis, Ind. In each of the above named cities the school board and heads of other institutions have promised full co-operation in the work.

In Chicago, W. Ellis Stewart, grand polemarch of the fraternity, will tell of the movement by means of the radio. Thursday evening more than a million radio fans throughout the country will tune in on K Y W, Edison Commonwealth, Chicago, and hear this talk on the boy and his life's vocation.

COL. GIRL ON PHI BETA

AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE, MASS. ELIZABETH WEST OF WASHINGTON, D. C., INITIATED INTO SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY WITH WHITE CLASS MATES—HER SISTER ALREADY IN IS REPORT—HAVE EQUALITY BANQUET

Wellesley, Mass., May 7, 1924.—Six New England girls were initiated into the Eta Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Wellesley last night. They are Helen Eastman, Arlington; Elizabeth Achy, Pittsfield; Mildred Coddington, Somerville; Marion Russell, Dorchester; Madeline Coop-

er, East Haven, Ct.; and Margaret Nelson, Augusta, Me.

Eloise Peckham of Newport, and Lillian Starr of Providence, were initiated last fall. Other members initiated last night are Elizabeth Avery, Peoria, Ill.; Emily Blanchard, Nutley, N. J.; Annie Caldwell, Columbus, O.; Bethann Faris, Philadelphia; Mary E. Jackson, Cleveland; Louise Keener, Morgantown, W. Va.; Carroll McCarthy, Buffalo; Katherine Pomeroy, Seneca Falls; Joy Schiedenhelm and Dorothea Schmedtgen, Wilmette, Ill.; Sara Thompson, Miami, Fla.; and Elizabeth West, Washington, D. C.

The initiations, which were held at 8.15 in Pomeroy hall, were preceded by a short business meeting, and fol-

lowed by a banquet. After the banquet the evening was given over to an open forum on the responsibilities of a scholar, in which all members took part.

The Phi Beta Kappa key, which is the highest academic honor awarded to undergraduate members, has been conferred upon 25 of this year's seniors, among whom are the president of the College Government Association, the president and vice-president of the senior class, the president of the debating club.

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**State Temple For Negro
Odd Fellows To Go U
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NEW NEGRO LODGE TEMPLE

Five Stories and Roof
Garden Planned; Con-
tract This Week

Contract for the \$250,000 five-story State temple of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows (negro), to be constructed on a lot 100 by 100 feet at the southwest corner of Louisiana street and Prairie avenue, will be let January 19 when bids are tabulated, officials of the organization have announced.

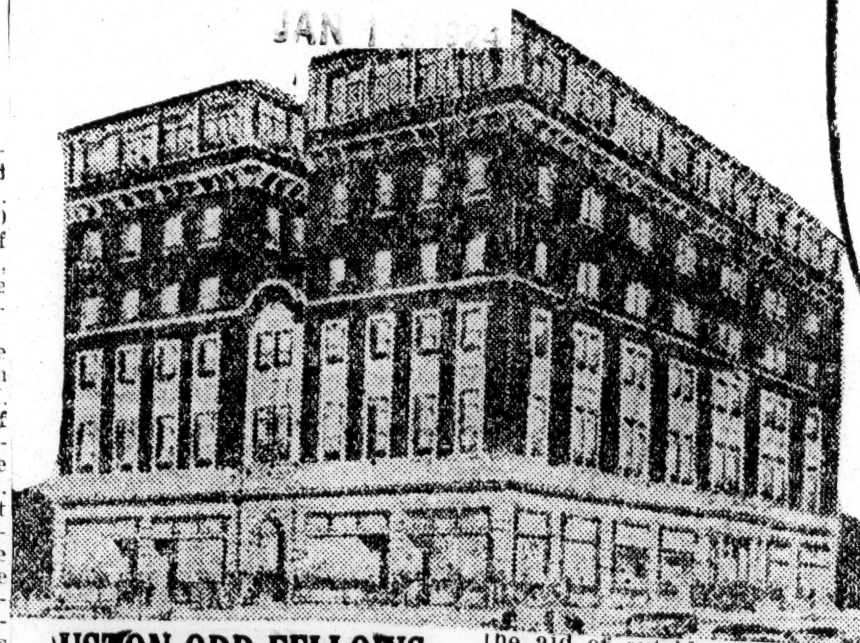
Plans for the structure, to be five stories and to include roof garden and basement, were drawn by W. Sidney Pittman, negro architect, of Dallas, and leading negro contractors of Birmingham and Atlanta are among the bidders, it was announced.

The temple, to be the equal if not the peer of any negro lodge structure in the South, will be the home of the entire jurisdiction of both the negro Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth, its auxiliary organization, with a total of 72,000 members in Texas and nearby territory.

Land upon which the structure is to be built already has been purchased from T. F. Loftus for \$85,000 cash, and the organization is understood to have the cash for the building on deposit in a San Antonio bank.

Construction work on the elaborate structure is to begin immediately upon awarding of the contract late this month. Officials of the order declare that a provision in the contract is that the temple be completed by August 1, meaning that the work must be pushed with the utmost speed.

The temple is to be equipped with every convenience expected in a modern lodge building. Special space is to be given the auxiliary organization. Offices and fraternal chambers are to be lavishly decorated and equipped, and nothing which will add to the comfort, convenience and beauty of the building is to be overlooked.



**HOUSTON ODD FELLOWS
BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF
NEW \$500,000 TEMPLE**

Associated Negro Press

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 20.—Work has already begun here on the magnificent \$247,500 Odd Fellows Temple which when completed will represent a total investment of \$500,000. The contract from the building was let by Grand Master H. O. Goree and his executive committee on January 19th. The building, which will be located in the heart of the business district on the lot purchased by the Odd Fellows at a cost of \$85,000, was designed by W. Sidney Pittman, son-in-law of the late Booker T. Washington. It will be four stories in height including basement, containing the headquarters of the Grand Lodge. Another noteworthy feature of the undertaking is the fact that the Odd Fellows of Texas, because of their unusually splendid financial condition will be able to finance the whole proposition without

the aid of outside capital. In speaking of it recently to a representative of the Associated Negro Press, he said:

"This meeting committee met in Houston and let the construction of the building of the Odd Fellows. On January 19 was certainly a wonderful day in the life of the Master."

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COLORED LODGES PLAN BIG MEET IN JACKSONVILLE

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows
and Household of Ruth Hold
Convention For Two States
Here In August.

Several hundred colored people from many towns in Illinois and Wisconsin are coming to Jacksonville during the week starting August 4, to attend meeting of District Grand Lodge No. 9, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and of Eden District, No. 18, Household of Ruth. The joint gathering will open here Tuesday, August 5, and will continue through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week. Preparations are under way to accommodate 1,200 persons at a big dinner which will be one of the features of the convention.

Prominent members of the race from several states will be in attendance. The district extends over Illinois and Wisconsin.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Jacksonville members of the order to entertain the delegates. Mrs. Jennie Jones is general chairman of arrangements, with Mrs. Clotella Taylor as secretary.

All sessions for men will be held at Bethel A. M. E. church. Meetings for the women delegates will be held at Mt. Emory Baptist church.

The convention opens Tuesday evening at Bethel church with a reception. There will be a welcome address on behalf of the city. The response will be given by T. Kersey, P. G. M. G. Dr. A. H. Kenniebrew of this city, representing Fame Lodge No. 2203, will welcome the delegates.

In addition to the business sessions, there will be a chicken fry Wednesday on the lawn of Mt. Emory church.

Thursday will bring a grand parade of Patriarchs, Past Master Council and sub-ordinate lodges, which will be led by Capt. C. M. Freeman's band. Installation ceremonies are scheduled for the same evening at the Auto Inn.

Friday will be devoted to a closing business session.

Local lodge leaders state that

nearly one thousand people are coming for the events. This being the case, it will be one of the largest conventions held in Jacksonville this year.

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White Odd Fellows' Lodge Has One Race Member

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"Strictly to Business," Slogan of Conventionists; Less of the Bizarre, More of the Purposeful Evidenced at B. M. C. Conclave.

BIG PARADE TERMINATES IN COMPETITIVE OPEN AIR DRILL

By SARA EDWIN JENKINS

Oddity is the watchword—perhaps the password too! Many a convention fan (who more or less stands on the outside looking in) stared, gasped and gassed.

Not that they make their advent unheralded or unglorified but they are Odd Fellows—14 karat odd and unalloyed. A city of 600,000 people stared upward, outward, depot-ward and Wylie Avenue-ward. They gazed and listened with ears "tuned in" acutely. They saw the big show! Huge regiments of Odd Fellows in neat sombre colored uniforms strode on and on neath cynic gaze. Here and there midst the horde of spectators one

hears a "Dinna ye hear it, dinna ye hear it?" It was heard for one brief period. It was the welcoming strain playing only for the escort of the first arriving delegates. Espionage on the B. M. C. convention activities embues the grand and smoky old colossus, Pittsburgh, with the feleing of pride that she is hostess to the great and lasting fraternal organization that has for its representatives, men and women who are brisk and up and doing, stern and striking for a goal; men of achievement, purpose and poise. There is less of the convivial pastime and revelry that featured the conventions just closed and more of the solid business-like spirit that says the Oddfellows are doing things.

The twenty-first biennial session of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows

was opened Monday morning at public exercises in Memorial Hall. Mayor William A. Magee extended a warm and fatherly welcome to the delegates. He pointed out the advantages of Pittsburgh as a convention city. He congratulated the Odd Fellows on the caliber of their organization, and said he hoped they would enjoy their stay.

The exercises were opened by the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church choir, directed by Prof. J. S. Meekins. Invocation was by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Anderson, pastor of the church. Following the official welcome by Mayor Magee, Grand Master E. M. Morris, of Chicago, responded. Attorney F. R. Steward, past noble father, extended a welcome on behalf of the citizens, and Deputy Grand Master I. L. Roberts, of Boston, responded.

The Rev. Lemuel Googins, past noble father, delivered an address of welcome for the Odd Fellows, and the response was by Grand Director Robert T. Thomas, of Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Nannie Byers Wilson welcomed the households of Ruth delegates, and Most Worthy Grand Superior Mary A. Parker, of Washington, D. C., delivered the answering address. Col. A. F. Crockett, of the Second Patriarche Regiment, welcomed the uniformed men, and Major Gen. R. T. Stewart, of Newport News, Va., responded.

The Bethel Church choir sang several selections, and Eleanor Lewis sang a solo. Col. J. W. Anderson, general chairman of the convention, gave the key of the city to Grand Director C. H. Pugh, of Darlington, S. C.

Tuesday the delegates were kept busy in closed sessions at the convention headquarters, Central Baptist Church. Wednesday marked the occasion of the military reception and ball at the Duquesne Garden, where an exquisite ensemble of costly costumes were in gay display.

The most colorful and gorgeous array of uniformity in B. M. C. paraphernalia was shown in the competitive drill at Forbes Field Thursday afternoon. Thursday evening the Pittsburgh Lodge of the Household of Ruth was hostess to a grand reception complimenting to all sister visitors and delegates.

3,000 delegates of the Order and its Auxiliary, the Household of Ruth, were in attendance at the convention.

Plumes Wave In Breeze As Crowds Cheer

"Patriarchs" and Women Marchers Present Contrasting Picture As Parade Wends Way Through Downtown District.

With handsomely plumed headaddresses waving smartly in the breeze of a typical fall morning; with shining swords glinting the rays of an early morning sun,

St. Louis Looks Like Next Meeting-Place Of the Odd Fellows

Although many important cities have registered their invitation to the U. O. O. F. to be their guests, indications at the time of going to press are that the cordial bid of St. Louis will be accepted and the hosts of the Order will convene in that city next.

and with an air of suppressed dignity, parading the ranks of the 5,000 marchers, the B. M. C. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth, marked their twentieth biennial session here Thursday morning with a mammoth parade.

Picturesque in spots, with the spotlessly white uniforms of the women forming a striking contrast to the somber uniforms of the male marchers, with several bands in the line of march, and with the work of the drum majors furnishing the high-spots of the event, the streets through which the paraders marched formed a solid mass of cheering humanity.

From Stockton avenue, Northside, where the marchers got under way promptly at 11 o'clock, escorted by motorcycle police and mounted police, through the streets of the Northside, the downtown district, the Hill district and on to Forbes Field, the spectacle of the marchers proving the wind-up to the third of the three big conventions Pittsburgh has been host to, was different in many respects from that of the Shriners and the Elks.

The parade was not full of color, nor bizarre in its uniqueness, but there was some distinctive feature about the marchers which elicited spontaneous bursts of applause from the thousands of fans, which clung to every possible vantage point, higher than the level of the street.

Mounted Officers a Feature.

Leading officials of the order, travelling in official cars, as well as some of the Grand Masters of different districts, mounted on bay horses, as a prelude to the marching "Patriarchs", the regular division of the Odd Fellows proved one of the features of the parade.

They made the appearance of mounted cavaliers of olden days, as with drawn swords, they sat on their mounts.

From East and West, North and South came the delegations, representing their various states in the line of march. Baltimore, Md., with their marching "patriarch" drew almost continuous applause, as they marched through lanes of cheering spectators, with pennants and banners waving merrily in the breeze. The marching club from Alexandria, Va., elicited much praise.

Local Lodges Make Good Showing.

The Pittsburgh branch of the Odd Fellows, and the local bands, added a singular spirit of pep and dash to the parade. The local band, with Patrolman Rufus Pinckney in charge as drum-major, was applauded as far as the "strutting officer" and his cohorts could be seen.

Will Probably Be

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One of Earliest Odd Fellows a Negro

ST. LOUIS, S. D., Aug. 13.—One of the few negro members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lives in Sioux Falls. He is Arnold M. Moore, and he has been a member of the Canton (S. D.) Camp No. 101 of the I. O. O. F. since 1888, when it was organized as the first camp in the State.

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Grand Master Morris Will Probably Head Order Another Term

Prizes Awarded For Annual Competitive Drills At Forbes Field and Duquesne Garden

At the time of going to press, indications were that Grand Master E. H. Morris would be re-elected to serve his thirteenth term as the head of the United Order of Odd Fellows. The present efficient staff of officers, in its entirety, will probably be re-elected.

Staging a splendid exhibition of well-executed military maneuvers, and making an impressive appearance at the big annual drill competition between the Patriarch divisions of the United Order of Odd Fellows held at Forbes Field on Thursday, the Alexandria, Va., Lodge of Patriarchs, led by Capt. Smith, definitely established their right to be considered the Order's best drilled men, and they were officially awarded the cherished first prize of \$300 at the big ball at Labor Lyceum Thursday night.

Baltimore Lodge No. 92, led by Capt. Harper, contributed much to make the Forbes Field spectacle a never-to-be-forgotten, and they were awarded the second prize of \$200 for their fine showing.

The third honors for one of the greatest drills ever held in Pittsburgh was awarded to Washington, D. C. Lodge No. 42, led by Capt. Harper. Their prize was \$100.

Ladies Drill Features at Garden

The fact that women are well-versed with military tactics and are able to execute maneuvers rapidly and uniformly was well established when the fine exhibition of the Philadelphia Auxiliary No. 197 was accorded cheers and commendations by the big crowd assembled at Duquesne Garden Wednesday night. For their efforts they were awarded the women's first prize of \$100. The capable Capt. Clark led the ladies through a series of executions with the hands, feet and sword which were really fine.

Auxiliary No. 139, of Washington, Pa., won the ladies' second prize of \$50 for their ability to drill.

GRAND MASTER MORRIS RE-ELECTED HEAD OF ODD FELLOWS LODGES



Edward Morris

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 19.—The 22d biennial session of the B. M. C. closed Friday evening, Sept. 12, at 7 o'clock, having re-elected Grand Master E. H. Morris of Chicago and all of the other officers. No session in the entire history of the B. M. C. has been as harmonious and fruitful as the one just closed, according to the official reports and the acknowledgment of Grand Master Morris. Not the slightest friction arose throughout the session from the opening on Monday to the close Friday evening. The only contest of any notice was that precipitated by the aspirants for the honor of entertaining the next biennial session in 1926, St. Louis, Mo., Jacksonville, Fla., Atlanta, City, N. J., Indianapolis, Ind., and Baltimore, Md., entering the field. From start to finish Jacksonville put up the fiercest fight, but the odds were against her as there seemed a deep set prejudice against going to any Southern point.

The sessions Tuesday and Wednesday were fraught with business of a routine nature, while Thursday was given over to the great parade in which thousands of "hearty old fellows" participated. It took the procession two hours to pass a given point. Many beautifully decorated floats and autos attracted the attention of the hundreds of thousands of bystanders who lined the entire line of march. The Jacksonville, Fla., car was by great odds the most attractively decorated car in the line. Chairman George E. Taylor and his

corps of enthusiastic boosters kept the line of march alive with their cheerful and inspiring "noise" namely, "Come to Florida B. M. C. in 1926." Thursday the session only lasted a few minutes when adjournment was taken to Friday morning. The business Friday was rushed through rapidly to the point of election when one by one each officer was elected under the suspension of the rules by acclamation, hence, the official roll stands as it did when the 22d biennial session was called to order by Grand Master E. H. Morris of Chicago. So completely pleased were the delegates with the stewardship of the grand master and his entire corps of assistants during the past two years that not a single hint was heard about any change whatever.

By the report of officials and committees it is apparent that the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is today in the most successful state of its entire history. Numerically and financially the order is at its zenith.

Baltimore succeeded in securing the next biennial session, which will be held in September, 1926.

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LODGE NOTES

At the 22d National convention of B. M. C. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 8th to 13th, Massachusetts was signally honored by the unanimous re-election of its favorite son, Dr. I. L. Roberts to the second highest office in the order in America, that of National

Deputy Grand Master, the highest officer being Grand Master, Hon. E. H. Morris of Chicago. The other officers elected were Hon. James F. Needham of Philadelphia, Grand Secretary, re-elected; A. T. Shirly of Herndon, Virginia, Grand Treasurer; George H. Pugh, Darlington, So. Car., Grand Director; Robert F. Thomas, Pensacola, Fla., Grand Director; Jesse Nicholas, Govans, Md., Grand Director; Beverly V. Beranco, Baton Rouge, La., Grand Director; James F. Adair, Brooklyn, N. Y., Grand Director; James M. Miller, Newark, N. J., Charles S. Hill, Washington, D. C. and Col. J. E. Reed, Cleveland, O. Grand Auditors.

C. S. Winter, Postmaster

Among the more important appointments made by Grand Master Morris for the convention were Past District Grand Master C. S. Winter, as postmaster; George T. Banks, PGM, as convention reporter; J. Solomon Gaines, PDGS, committee on grand master's address; George Latimere, PNF, committee on fraternal relations; Joseph Andrews, PNF, committee on good of the order. The next B. M. C. will be held in Baltimore in Sept. 1926.

Household of Ruth

Among those from Massachusetts who were honored with committee appointments, etc., at the sessions of the Grand Household of Ruth, the female branch of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, were Sisters Carrie A. P. Brown of Cambridge, committee on credentials; Ida Jackson of H. of R., 501, of Newport, R. I. committee on Grand Most Worthy Superior's address; District Grand Most Noble Governor Lulu B. Tunstell, Boston, chairman, committee on officer's reports; Sister Ella Galloway, Boston, committee on resolutions; Sister Alice Allen, Providence, R. I., committee on reports of juvenile societies; Sister Mary J. Brown, Boston, committee on propositions; Sister Edythe Stewart, PMNO, official convention reporter for the Odd Fellows Journal.

The entire Massachusetts delegation from the various Households of Ruth to the Grand Household of Ruth convention were Sisters Susie Jones, 2607, chairman; Lulu B. Tunstell, 396; Mary J. Brown, 131; Lucy Brown, 1088; Ella Galloway, 4585; Carrie A. P. Brown, 105; Ophelia Smith, 1351; Alice Allen, 43, Ida Jackson, 501.

Presentation

The presentation of a beautifully embroidered linen lunch set to Sister Mary A. Parker, Grand Most Worthy Superior by the Mass. delegates to the Grand Household of Ruth convention was a pretty feature. Sister Lulu B. Tunstell, District Grand Most Noble Governor of Mass. Household of Ruth made the presentation on behalf of the New England delegation. It is said that this delegation came in for a large share of favorable comment for the dignified and intelligent bearing of its members. All along the route over which the grand parade marched or rode they were the

recipients of enthusiastic applause. In fact Mass. has reason to be proud of its representatives to the B. M. C. this year, both male and female.

Delegation Badge Designed by Powell

The official delegation badge worn by the Mass delegates was black and gold ribbon and rosette inscribed "Mass Delegation, 22d B. M. C., Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 8 to 13, 1924." It was designed by G. Henry Powell, PDGM.

The regular monthly meeting of Mass. Past Noble Fathers association, will be held in Colonial hall, Progressive association building, 1651 Washington St., at 3 p. m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at which further arrangements will be made for a public religious service, for which a committee from the association has been appointed comprising Past Noble Fathers James R. Hamm, chairman; William H. Tucker, Frank J. Williams, James S. Epps and G. Henry Powell. At this meeting the ritualistic work in the fourth degree will be exemplified under the supervision of Pres. James R. Hamm.

Sister Nancy Johnson PWU of Household of Ruth 131, has returned from a summer's sojourn at Sound Beach, Conn., and is now at her home, Royal St., Medford.

Mrs. Ella Wade Powell, widow of the William I. Powell of East Milton, Mass., left Monday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hare, at Amherst, N. H.

Mrs. Harvey J. Harper have returned from a summer's sojourn with friends in Springfield, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and other places. Mr. Harper has resumed his duties in Sergt-at-Arms department at the State House.

ORDER OF REINDEERS IN BIG CONVENTION

Mayor, Attended by Mem-
bers of City Commission,
Issues Welcome to Dele-
gates.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 18—The second annual convention of the Grand Chapter Order of Reindeers, opened last Sunday evening at Bethany Baptist Church. The annual sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Harry C. Van Pelt. The large and spacious Bethany was packed to capacity with visiting delegates and members of the local lodge. On Monday afternoon and evening, delegates from all parts of the country, where Reindeer Lodge have been established, continued to come in. Delegations from as far south as Richmond Va., came well represented. Monday evening at 8 p. m. the welcome address on behalf of the City of Newark was delivered by Mayor Frederick C. Breidenbach. There were others members of the City Commission present. The streets in the City were gaily decorated and brilliantly illuminated. All preparations have been made to make this convention an event long to be remembered in the City of Newark, and from the splendid appearance which conservatively uniformed men and the neatly costumed ladies make, the parade will come up to all expectations. They hope to have marching clubs from many of the various lodges, which will compete in a drill for the prize. The line of march as was outlined in last week's Courier, was followed in detail. The annual ball and reception which was held at Laurel Gardens, was one of the most brilliant affairs ever held in the City of Newark. The Marine Band from Baltimore, Md., was at its best in making music for this grand occasion.

FISHERMEN HELD 68TH SESSION HERE

Founding of Order in 1856

In Peach Alley House
Is Recalled

MANY DELEGATES HERE

Virginia, Ohio, Panama, New
York and Pennsylvania
Represented

The Supreme Tabernacle,
Order of Galilean Fishermen,
held their sixty-eighth anniversary
and second bi-ennial session
at the Galilean Fishermen's
Temple, 411 W. Biddle

Following registrations of delegates from Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Panama, a sermon was delivered to them by Rev. B. T. Perkins at Metropolitan M. E. Church.

The Order of Galilean Fishermen was founded July 4th, 1856, in Peach alley, South Baltimore. It was there that these old founders, Hemmley and Harriet Nicholas, altho uneducated, sought to begin fraternal work among men and women.

The city welcomes the Fishermen delegates Monday morning through W. Ashbie Hawkins, with a response by C. C. Fitzgerald. The church was also represented by Rev. W. H. Dean, pastor of Sharp Street M. E. Church.

A reception and literary entertainment was rendered Monday evening. The Douglass High School Orchestra, headed by C. Harold Stepteau, Jr., furnished the music. Dancing and games were the forms of entertainments.

Miss Olivia Carter, a '14 grad of the Douglass Hi, the winner of the H. S. McCard medal for oratory, also a member of the Fishermen, made an address. Her father is state ruler.

The session closed Wednesday, with an outing at Greenwood Electric Park, with music by the famous Sam Taylor Band, of Washington.

Mr. Robert Briscoe was elected by a unanimous vote, Supreme Ruler of the Galilean Fishermen. Mr. Briscoe is serving his third term.

There were 143 delegates that attended the session. They are as follows:

Baltimore City—Nancy Reese, Louise Watkins, Viola Fletcher, Mary Jones, Mary E. Thomas, Marietta Stewart, Mary E. Henderson, Annie M. Stewart, Allaine Harvey, Maucanaley Dorsey, John Gibson, Elizabeth Evans, Francis C. Tucker, R. B. Edwards, Olla Davis, Henry B. Evans, Lieutenant General; Cora E. Earl.

Maryland—Martin Lee, Hilary Powell,

Annie Ayres, C. E. Parker, Lewis J. Ways, David Keetes, Henson Richards, Margaret Kiah, Lydia Perry, Ida Bassell, J. F. Henry, Julius Thompson, John H. Palmer, Jennie Sewell, James Sewell, Alice Tabbs, Cordelia Allen, Mary Sterling, Rebecca Rest, Emma Hearn, Sarah A. Berry.

District of Columbia—W. H. Richards, Isaac Diggs, Lewis Dishman, John Lewis, Jennie P. Browne, Supreme Financial Secretary; W. H. Murphy, Naomi Moore, Lizzie Keyes, P. W. Peters, L. F. Kemp, Anthony Cunningham, George Brooks, Joseph Washington, Robert Pratt, Rev. A. Jacobs, Philip Marin, Mabel Brown, Rosa Brooks, Alice Mahorney, Maggie Johnson, Sarah Brooks, Annie Dean, Helen Brooks, H. L. Clark, George Campbell, Mamie McCall, J. F. Robers, Henry Fields, Robert Sayles.

Virginia—Lillian Gosnell, M. E. White, Cornelius Smith, J. F. L. Pettis, Priscilla Giddings, Annie Miller, Maggie Mercer, Elizabeth Williams, W. H. Moore, Betty Robinson, H. J. H. Reid, Albert Strother, Mary Thomas, Mary Temple, Willie Temple, Virginia M. Williams.

West Virginia—Agatha Hall, Mary Norris, M. L. Fairfax, T. W. Wayne, J. A. Price, S. A. Monroe, Elizabeth Waynesboro, L. D. Hodge.

Ohio—Myrtle Williams, Katie Washington, Delaware—Laura Fox, Lydia Matthews, Maud Murray, Ellen Freney, Alene Huckman, Georgianna Griffin, Jennie Rice, Sarah Turner, Ollie Armstead, Mollie Thomas.

Pennsylvania—Edna Douglass, Lillian Andrews, Rebecca Swann, E. Williams, George Swann, M. A. Hill, Lucy King, Savannah Anderson, Ruben Garnett, Hattie Troy, A. A. Jennings, Mary McCurdy, Blanche Cooper, Fannie Wilson, L. E. Bacon, Alfred Chambers, Alice Warren, Rufus Conyers, Carl Beulah, Lizzie Dobel, Mary Court, George Wilson.

New Jersey—Carrie Blackburn, Susie M. Ruby, Ada Bowles, Dorothy Bowles, Elizabeth Blair, J. T. Tonkins, Constance Drayton, Grace Farmer, Ella Meade, Eva Shorts, Samuel Sommerville, Corinthia Nelson.

5,000 DELEGATES WILL INVADE HOT SPRINGS JULY 14

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Hot Springs, Ark.—This city is preparing with all its might to entertain the between 5,000 and 6,000 guests and delegates who are expected here during the week of the convention of the National Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten. The convention opens July 14. 7-12-24

One of the oldest Negro fraternal orders in the country, the U. B. F. & M. T. has heretofore had the bulk of its membership in the South, but the recent migration of laborers and homeowners has scattered its disciples until now it reaches out into the far states of the North and West from which sections numerous delegates are coming. Reduced railroad fares have been offered to the convention. Efforts are being made to obtain the use of Oaklawn park for the meetings of the grand lodge. Dr. H. H. Phipps is chairman of the local committee preparing for the reception of the visitors.

OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY UNITED BROTHERS

National Negro Fraternal Organization in Session Here, Elects Leaders for Ensuing Year.—Parade Will Be Feature Today.

By George S. Washington
Hot Springs, Ark.

The Grand Lodge of the United Brothers and friends continued its evening session until a late hour.

Grand Master W. T. Daniels of Texarkana presided during the session at Whittington Park. Most thought that troubles would come out of the Louisiana muddle with her two sets of delegates, but Grand Master Daniels being some what of a diplomat, cause the ship to glide safely through the storm.

The financial committee completed their report which showed that \$4,470.24 had been received; expenditures, \$2,837.74; balance on hand \$1,632.50. 7-5-24

The Grand Lodge adjourned from

Whittington Park at 6 o'clock yesterday evening to meet at the Pythian Sanitarium at 9 o'clock last evening to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Major Bird of Illinois told the merits of the National Grand Master, H. W. Jameson, but to the surprises of many, the National Grand Master resigned in favor of W. F. Blodsoe of Texas.

After the election of Blodsoe, without a dissenting vote the wheels began to move and the slate as fixed went through without a hitch. Officers elected are as follows:

W. F. Blodsoe of Texas, National Grand Master.

W. T. Daniels of Texarkana. Deputy National Grand Masttr.

H. C. Russell of Kentucky, National Grand Secretary.

Dr. F. O. Miller of Kansas, National Grand Assistant Secretary.

W. E. Brown, Indiana, National Grand Treasurer.

J. P. Petton of Ohio. National Grand Attorney.

I. L. Dismuke of Pennsylvania, National Grand Organizer.

Finance Committee:—W. H. Humphreys, Ky.; J. W. Jameson. Tex.; C. E. Powell, Ark.; H. C. Hubbard, Mo.; J. M. Delaney, Okla.; W. E. Jones. Arkansas, Chaplain.

J. A. Warren of Ark.; S. R. Marshall and Alonzo Merritt of Ky.; Marshalls. A. S. Barnett. Minn., Right Supporter; R. Gray of Ala., Left Supporter; J. B. Streat, Ill., Inside Sentinel; D. M. Hudson, Colo., Outside Sentinel.

The order adjourned to meet in St. Louis. in Triennial Session, 1927.

Grand Parade Friday evening at 6 o'clock.—Clipping.

represent his fourth term in this office

In the race for the place to which Grand Master Blodsoe was elected there was only one other contestant, Dr. H. W. Jamison. There were a total of 271 votes polled of which Mr. Blodsoe received all but 57.

The Grand Lodge was well attended. It was estimated that the total delegation was more than 2600 of which number 1600 were Texans. In the delegation there were two representatives from Africa, Messrs. Greenfield and Howard from the jurisdictions of Monrovia and Grand Bassa in Liberia.

Texas' Fraternal Giant Chosen as National Grand Master by Overwhelming Vote at Biennial Meet at Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., July 26—Texas was highly honored at the National Grand Lodge of the U. B. F. which closed its biennial sessions here last week. Hon. W. F. Blodsoe, for many years Grand Master of the State of Texas was chosen as National Grand Master while J. W. Jamison another Texan was elected to a place on the Board of Finance. Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church of Dallas was unanimously chosen for the office of Assistant Secretary of the National Grand Lodge. This will

Secret Societies — 1924.

The Colored Farmers Right Society.

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1. 1. mathematics and Latin; Lucile
Marsengil, home economics; Mayme
Helms, music; Misses Ollie Phillips,
Myrtle Johnson, Bess Atchley, Elsie
Robertson, Ada Ruth Phillips and
Mary Price, grades.

The Colored Farmers Right Society has filed an amendment to its charter asking permission to issue life insurance policies upon the lives of its members in accordance with the fraternal laws of the state. The corporation is chartered under the general welfare clause.

Houston Judge Grants Permanent Injunction Against Race Shriners

White Shriners Win Victory in Initial Skirmish, But Negroes Are Confident of Final Triumph—Voluminous Evidence Introduced—Impending Political Election Big Factor in Court Decision—Colored Counsel Conducted Case Ably—Next Battle Before Appellate Court.

In the legal tilt between the colored and white Shriners,—which had its origin in 1922, when the whites secured a temporary injunction restraining the colored members of Doric Temple Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine from wearing the fez, pin, emblems and regalia of the white Shrine organization,—the white Shriners drew first blood, when Judge J. D. Harvey, in the Eightieth District Court, made the temporary injunction permanent last Friday morning. Counsel for the colored Shriners immediately served notice of an appeal. Wilford H. Smith, eminent local race attorney, has charge of the appeal papers, being recognized as one of the foremost appeal lawyers in the country.

The case was originally instituted by the Arabia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine against Doric Temple, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which Homer E. McCoy was illustrious potentate, and then when the national body of colored Shriners intervened on behalf of the local temple, the national white body also intervened on behalf of their local temple. This gives the decision of the local judge far-reaching effect and nationwide scope.

It is stated that under the "full faith and credit" act of the United States constitution, the judgment of the Eightieth District Court can be made effective in any other state in the Union.

The process would be for the national white Shrine organization, the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, to apply to a district judge in any particular state, who would issue in the nature of an injunction an order giving "full faith and credit" in that particular state to the

tions of each was devoted to the origin and authority of the white and the colored Grand Blue Lodges, York Rite bodies and Scottish Rite bodies. It is presumed that this was done in order to attack the defense side in more than one place.

Judge Harvey Saturday said he did not consider in his decision the claims of any of the Masonic bodies prerequisite to the Shrine, but gave his decision on the theory that the colored "Shrine" is a "colorable imitation" of the white Shrine as organized in New York City in the seventies. The colored Shriners introduced testimony to show that their order antedated the white Shrine and originated in Egypt as far back as 656 A. D. The white Shriners offered evidence to prove that their organization was founded in a vague sort of way on the ritual of "Bektash," an Arabic order, and that the emblems, jewels and titles were invented by Americans. The only imitation by the white Shriners of the Arabic order, it was brought out, was the oriental coloring and costumes.

With the July democratic primaries drawing near and a hot political election imminent, together with the complex of local political situation and the disposition of the local tribunals to render decisions that please their constituents and make their retention in or re-election to office possible, the action of the district judge in this case was not surprising nor alarming to those conversant with the facts and political expediency.

The colored Shriners are not discouraged nor disheartened and aver that they will carry their case to the highest legal tribunal in the land, if need be, for final settlement and adjudication, and their counsel argued and prepared the case with this action in view.

NEGRO SHRINERS ENJOINED.

Court Forbids Their "Colorable Imitation" of the White Order.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 22.—Arabia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the national white Shrine body were granted a permanent injunction today against "Doric Temple, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and the national negro "Shrine" organization, preventing the "colorable imitation" of the costumes and insignia of the plaintiff order.

The defense gave notice of appeal and said that if necessary the case would be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States.

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NEGROES CAN NOT WEAR SHRINE PIN, IS COURT RULING

SHRINERS PROTEST AGAINST USE OF SHRINE NAME

**Judge Harvey's Decree
Effects 50 or 60 Organizations**

In a decree that is probably without precedent, Judge J. D. Harvey Friday granted a nation-wide injunction restraining the "Doric Temple, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, negro order, from the use of the shrine emblem" and from "colorful imitations" of the white order.

The decree effects probably 50 or 60 of the negro orders throughout the United States and automatically they must remove their shrine pins or be in contempt of Judge Harvey's court.

Order to Appeal Case.

John H. Crooker, one of the attorneys for the white national organization, said that nowhere in the law books could a case be found where a national injunction has been issued from a State court affecting a national organization, although injunctions have been issued in States effective in other States.

The negro order at once gave notice that it would appeal the decree to the court of civil appeals, and if it is ruled against them there, will go to the State supreme court.

And there is a national angle to the case that might get it before the supreme court of the United States if the question is not settled some where in the lower courts.

The entire case has been unusual from the beginning.

The original suit was filed in the name of the local Arabia temple and against the local negro order. But the national negro order intervened. With this situation confronting him, Mr. Crooker caused the national white organization to intervene, also, thus giving Judge Harvey jurisdiction throughout the United States over both orders, when in the beginning he only had jurisdiction over the local organizations.

Testimony Offered.

The hearing has required a week's time.

Much evidence was introduced through depositions and by witnesses.

The white shrine offered testimony to show that its order was created in the early 70's. The negroes claimed

New Orleans, La.—A petition has been filed in the civil district court by Jerusalem Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, asking that an organization of Negroes be prohibited from using the name of Platta Temple, of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The petition alleges that the head of the temple is designated as potentate, that the organization has other officers of names and designation similar to those adopted by Jerusalem Temple and that the membership is held in secret and surreptitiously covered up. It is further alleged that the members call themselves nobles and shriners.

TEXAS SHRINERS ENJOINED



SHRINERS LOSE FIGHT IN TEXAS COURT WHEN INJUNCTION REMAINS

Houston, Tex., Feb. 29.—The Harris county district court, presided over by Judge J. D. Harvey, granted a permanent injunction Friday to the Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the national white body against Doric temple, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the national body, composed of members of our Race, preventing the "colorable imitation" of the costumes and insignia of the white order.



Attorney Watkins

Attorneys S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White of Chicago, representing the Doric temple and national body, gave notice of appeal to the court of civil appeals and said if necessary the case would be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

The record of the case is one of the most voluminous in any case tried in the district court and the deposition introduced were of an unusually interesting nature, according to Judge Harvey.

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The defendants claimed that their Shrine antedated the white Shrine and originated in 656 A. D. in Egypt. The trial was witnessed by a large number of members of both orders.

The granting of the injunction came as no surprise to officials of the order who have had previous experience with the whites in other states. The Knights of Pythias were attacked on similar grounds in the state of Georgia and were ruled against in every state court, but were granted their rights when the case came for a final hearing in the United States supreme court. Judge Alton B. Parker, who ran for the presidency on the Democratic ticket

against the late Theodore Roosevelt, spoke in behalf of the K. of B. of our Race before that judicial body.

'Here Come The Deacons,' Will Be Cry Heralding Unique Marching Body

With Stove-Pipe Hats, Long Coats and Walking Canes,
Shrinedom's Latest Will Be Feature
Of August Meeting.

If next August in the Shrine parade you hear the cry "here comes the Deacons", don't be surprised at what you see.

A group of men in long coats battered high hats and altogether sort of tattered looking, and walking with canes; then you will have seen the latest adjunct to Shrinedom.

In Chicago in 1916, J. A. Jackson, a colored editor on the staff of the Billboard, and Billy King, the theatrical man, conceived the idea of forming an organization for theatrical men, musicians artists, and traveling men, who were Shriners.

Their idea was to have some one or a group in each city where the thespians touched that was in sympathy with them, that had a fellow feeling for them and could give them a welcome and if needs be a helping hand. The order was called the "Deacons" and the lodges in various cities are called "Amen Corners". The idea and the organization has spread like wild-fire and now you will find the vast majority of the first class actors, musicians, artists and kindred professions all members of this organization within an organization, and boosting it for all it is worth. Wm. King of Chicago, is President and J. A. Jackson of New York is Secretary and J. Finley Wilson of the Elks is on the board of directors. Some of the more famous members are Chas. Gilpin, Turner Layton, Wm. Elkins, Wm. Vodery, Chas. Thorpe and Lloyd Gibbs. The Pittsburgh corner is ably presided over

by Alexander White of 70 Elm St., who by having been a show-man for a number of years, has a wide acquaintance with the fraternity and has the happy faculty of making them all feel at home in Pittsburgh.

During the week of the 17th of August look out for the Deacons; an all star show will be put on by them and they will also deport themselves in characteristic fashion in the big parade.

True Reformers Putting Order in Good Condition

Forty-fourth Annual Session

At Richmond, Va. Reports De-
crease of \$440,000 Indebted-
ness In 1910 To \$16,000.

(Special to The Journal and Guide.)

Richmond, Va., Oct. 16. The
44th annual session of the Grand
Fountain United Order of True
Reformers, was held here Septem-
ber 8, 9, 10 and 11. The sessions
were presided over by the vice
Grand Master, Lee Trent of Pitts-
burgh, Pa., who was unanimously
elected Grand Master for the next
four years.

Uphill Climb Since 1910

Fourteen years ago the organ-
ization had an out standing indebt-
edness of \$440,000, of which \$163,
00 was for death claims. The
membership which had numbered
eighty thousand was down to six-
teen hundred. The few members
which remained in the order got to-
gether and determined to pull them
selves out of this predicament. The
last fourteen years have been hard
on the True Reformers, but they
have managed by steady determi-
nation to pay off almost \$400,000
of the indebtedness.

Present Financial Standing

At the present date the financial
standing is as follows: Due on
property \$8,000.00; outstanding
bills \$2,158. 87; death claims, old
and new \$36, 249.88; total \$46,-
408.75

Membership Now 5165

The membership of the adults
and the Rosebuds is now five thous-
and one hundred sixty-five. Mrs.
L. L. Stanard who has been in the
office during Rev. W. W. Brown's
time is the Grand Worthy Secre-
tary Mrs. Stanard, Grand Treas.
Smith and Grand Master Trent
are working very hard with the
corps of workers to put the lodge
over in fine shape. The members,
in spite of many set backs are mak-
ing every effort for success.

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**SOUTHERN NEGRO
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Delegates From Ten States
Attend Session of Wood-
men of Union.

TUSKEGEE, ALA. Aug. 29.—The 17th session and first bi-annual meeting of the Woodmen of Union was opened yesterday at Tuskegee Chapel Tuskegee Institute by Dr. E. A. Kendall, supreme president, and Jno. L. Webb, supreme custodian, both of Hot Springs, National Park, Arkansas. The president is a native of the State of Arkansas and Jno. L. Webb, supreme custodian, a product of the Tuskegee Institute. The order consists of 65,000 members and has 2,000 delegates and representatives from the following states: Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and the District of Columbia.

The morning session was taken up with the general organization and the president's annual address which very forcibly impressed the hearers and the people throughout the country. The keynote of the address was urging the accumulation of property, the development of character and the substantiation of citizenship, impressing the necessity of making the race felt as a people.

The order has made great progress, as it was organized only a few years ago with 10 years in the present management. The report of the supreme custodian, Jno. L. Webb, contained the following outstanding facts collected from sources including balance brought forward two years ago: \$889,325.85; paid out on death claims \$160,345.02; on sick and accident claims \$134,907.20. The order owns more than \$300,000 worth of real estate. Ninety per cent. of the money has been collected and paid within the southern states; total endowment benefit paid to date \$560,353.02; total sick claims paid to date \$584,907.20; total paid out for education \$13,199.51; grand total paid out to date \$1,158,469.73. The order has an educational tax from each lodge which is distributing to the states in which it is collected giving a scholarship fund which now amounts to the helping of hundreds of students.

There are many visitors present at this meeting, Prof. W. Phillip, grand master of Masons in the State of Mississippi, and Prof. W. H. Holtzclaw, a product of Tuskegee; the principal of the Holtzclaw Normal and Industrial Institute at Utica Mississippi and the wife of E. M.

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The night session consisted of welcome addresses and responses on behalf of the visitors and institute. The main address was delivered by Dr. R. R. Moton and Prof. Neeley, the registrar of the school. Responses were made by Rev. Coleman of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Prof. G. S. Goodman.

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CL...LAND TO HAVE ANOTHER GREAT SESSION

Convention City

Ready for Lodge

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 1.—Cleveland is all ready for the entertainment of the national grand council, Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, one of the most outstanding organizations of the race in the country. The sessions will last from Sunday, Aug. 3, to Sunday, Aug. 10, according to the general chairman of the committee of arrangements, Col. James H. Thomas. Over 4,000 delegates and visitors are expected in the city for the sessions to partake of the hospitality of Clevelanders. National Grand Master William Herbert Fields was expected from St. Louis the middle of this week to take charge of affairs and promises to put over one of the grandest sessions ever held in the history of the organization. Col. Thomas is making extensive preparations for the location of the encampment at Kingsbury park at the foot of E. 40th St., where there will be a real tent city, over 2,500 members of the uniformed rank being expected from different parts of the country. Major General J. A. Shackelford of St. Louis will be in charge of the encampment. The streets to be gorgeously decorated will be Central Ave., E. 55th St., Central to Scovill, Scovill to 40th and Scovill to the encampment. The daily sessions will be held in St. Paul's A. M. E. church, 55th and Quincy, and the general headquarters of the grand council will be in the Anchor Life building, 2398 E. 55th St.

The Program

Monday, Aug. 4.—Sessions in St. Paul's church beginning at 9:30 a. m. and lasting through the day. Moonlight ride on Lake Erie on the steamer Colonial for delegates and visitors, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 5.—Sessions in the church. Grand public reception to delegates, friends and visitors in the evening at Royal hall, 5217 Woodland Ave., 8 o'clock. Chairman, Nettie Davis; Dora White, treasurer; Anna L. Ray, secretary.

Wednesday, Aug. 6.—Sessions in St. Paul's church. Delegates and friends will be entertained by the

general arrangements committee at Camp William H. Fields, Kingsbury park, 40th and Woodland.

Thursday, Aug. 7.—Great international meet in honor of delegates and visitors at camp grounds and general review of all officers and troops.

Friday, Aug. 8.—Great spectacular parade at high noon under the supervision of Major General J. A. Shackelford, parading through the principal streets of the city. Great military ball and competitive drill by uniformed ladies and knights for prizes amounting to \$1,000 at the great public auditorium, E. Sixth St. and Lakeside Ave. at 9 p. m. Delegates, visitors and public invited. The competitive drills will include class A regulation drill and class B fancy drill. Six bands will be in attendance. Guard mount and dress parade daily in the encampment for visitors and friends.

Grand Officers to Attend

National grand master, William H. Fields; national deputy grand master, Rev. S. D. Davis; national grand secretary-treasurer, Dr. Geo. Cathrell; national grand queen, Ella L. Holmes; major general, J. A. Shackelford; national grand auditress, Mamie Draper; national grand inspector of finance, Julia Cordell; national grand chaplain, Rev. T. L. Scott; national grand accountant, Lillian Z. Smith; national grand medical director, Dr. Merwyn R. Bibb. Chairmen of the local committees include chairman of the homes committee, Dt. Della Offer; chairman of the reception committee, Dt. Nettie Davis; general chairman, J. H. Thomas; general secretary, Lieut. Anna Craighead; general treasurer, Nettie Davis; commissary general, Chas. Mills; publicity chairman, Adj. Chas. McCard; chairmen of depot reception, Col. John Cook and Dt. Dora White.

Knights and Daughters of Africa Hold 7th Annual Session at Cleveland, O.

Cleveland, O.—The National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa held its seventeenth annual session here, and at the same time, the military department held its second national encampment, spending eight days in Camp Wm. H. Fields in Kingsbury Park.

The delegates and visitors were made welcome in speeches by Councilman Thomas W. Fleming and Daughter Ella B. Kato, state grand queen of Ohio, with responses by Dr. George M. Cathrell of St. Louis, national grand secretary-treasurer, and Daughter Leona Dixon of Chicago, past national grand queen.

The national grand secretary's report showed an increase in membership to more than 20 thousand, and an income of more than \$46,000. Important recommendations were included in the grand master's report.

Boat excursions, a mardi gras parade, with visits to the military encampment, were features during first part of the week, but the big display was on Friday, when at noon the military department under command of Major General J. A. Shackelford of St. Louis, with his staff, held a spectacular parade through some of the city's principal streets, participated in by the grand council.

At night, a prize drill contest was held in Public Hall, one of the finest auditoriums of the country, and the prizes were won by St. Louis, Indianapolis and Chicago military departments, in order of mention. Mid West Company C of St. Louis took the first prize of \$150 and world's championship title for 1924. The fancy drill prizes were won by Chicago and Cleveland.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: Wm. H. Fields of St. Louis, national grand master; Rev. S. D. Davis of Indianapolis, national deputy grand master; Dr. Geo. M. Cathrell of St. Louis, national secretary-treasurer; Daughter Josie Henley of St. Louis, national inspector of finance; Daughter Ella L. Holmes of Chicago, national grand queen; Rev. T. L. Scott of Chicago, national grand chaplain; Sir Knight E. L. Westbrook of East St. Louis, national grand maid of honor.

State grand queens: Missouri, Dt. Julia Cordell; Illinois, Dt. Eliza Jackson; Indiana, Dt. Ada Goines; New York, Dt. Elizabeth Kimbough; Ohio, Dt. Ella B. Kato.

State grand mother queens: Missouri, Dt. Mamie Gaines; Illinois, Dt. Henrietta Dean; Ohio, Dt. Cora Evans; New York, Dt. Maria Gilliam.

The next session is to be held at Indianapolis, Ind., August, 1925.

A. U. K. D. OF AFRICA IN 17TH

SESSION

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 8.—The seventeenth annual session of the national grand council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa opened Monday noon under the most auspicious circumstances at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, 55th and Quincy, by a 2,000 delegates from nearly every state in the Union being in attendance. Monday the grand council was called to order by Hon. William Herbert Fields, national grand master and founder of the great institution, which claims nearly 25,000 members. After a song by the officers and delegates led by the grand chaplain, Rev. T. L. Scott, who also gave the invocation, the roll was called by the national grand secretary-treasurer, Dr. Geo. M. Cathrell, as reported by the credentials committee. Councilman Thomas W. Fleming gave the welcome address, Dr. Cathrell responding in a very impressive manner. Bishop C. H. Phillips welcomed the council in behalf of the churches and religious organizations of the city and state. He was followed by Rev. William Jones of Liberia council, New Jersey, in behalf of the fraternal organizations of the city and state. Mrs. Ella B. Kato gave the welcome address in behalf of the councils of the state. Mrs. Kato is state grand queen of Ohio. Monday night a moonlight ride on the lake was enjoyed by hundreds of visitors as well as the Emancipation celebration at Luna park under the auspices of the Elks of the city.

Tuesday's session included the appointment of committee and the delivery of the annual address of the national grand master, Hon. Mr. Fields, after which splendid reports were made by all the grand officers as well as state officers. Tuesday evening the Mardi Gras parade under the direction of Major General Shackelford was an outstanding feature of the council. Wednesday's and Thursday's sessions were taken up with regular routine work of the council.

Friday, Aug. 8, will feature one of the most spectacular military parades in the history of Cleveland after which the election and installation of officers will take place.

The Encampment

The snappy strains of five bands and a ladies' drum corps from Indianapolis heralded the opening of Camp William H. Fields in Kingsbury park at the foot of E. 40th St. last Sunday, Major General Shackelford being in command. This is the second encampment of the order and it is said to equal if not excel the first, held in St. Louis, the home of the founder. Camp William H. Fields presents a picturesque aspect, being surrounded by hills, and those who view the camp from the hills are reminded of a real army

camp. Each day the military rank is taken through a regular military routine, which includes guard mount, battalion drills and dress parade each evening at 5:30. These are the most interesting features of the camp for the visitors. Monday evening Major John C. Fulton, well known military figure in Cleveland, was the guest of Major General Shackelford during the dress parade. The major said the A. U. K. people were splendidly equipped and one of the best drilled organizations among the lodges of the country. Fancy Oak Leaf company F team of ladies won second prize at the big St. Louis encampment last year and is on hand to win first prize at the Cleveland encampment, according to the captain, William Williams.

The bands present at the camp are: First regiment, St. Louis, under Col. Robert Johnson; First regiment, Indianapolis, Col. Crenshaw; leader, Luther McClain; Second regiment band; Ladies' band of Cleveland, Capt. Walton in command; Capital City band, Columbus, Major F. D. Lowery commanding; Queen City band, Cincinnati, and the Ladies' drum corps, Indianapolis, Col. Amanda Fitzpatrick commanding. Major General Shackelford reports the following corps of officers as aids: General Hugh Boxx, chief of staff; General Charles Mills, chief commissary officer; General Arthur Pope, adjutant; General Walter Young, quartermaster; General Joseph Marshall, inspector; Generals George H. Taylor and Alvulan Harvey of the quartermaster corps and 45 aids with the rank of colonel. The military divisions will compete for prizes at the ball to be held at the great public auditorium Friday evening, Aug. 8, after which the great reception ball will be held.

No Garvey Movement

The legislative work is done by the delegates, who represent 75,000 members scattered through most of the Northern states and the Southwest. The uniformed department provides the merriment and entertainment.

The delegates are making their general headquarters in the Anchor Life Insurance building, E. 55th St. and Quincy Ave. S. E. Discussions will pertain to extension of the membership, aspects of the insurance feature and selection of a convention city for next year.

"But we have no Garvey plans, no thought of establishing steamship lines, and no idea of purchasing a part of Africa for a new Liberia," said Gen. Charles A. Mills of St. Louis.

He referred to the plans of Marcus Garvey, who two years ago proposed to repatriate the Negro.

As he talked, Gen. Mills sat in the headquarters tent eating a luncheon of camp fare. Just then the St. Louis delegation of 200 and headed by the band, came trudging down the hill.

"You will notice the number of women in uniform," said the general. "Women compose 90 per cent of this department. You know what a fine reputation the Colored soldier has,

particularly as to his appearance in uniform and his ability to execute drill commands with snap. Well, the women are even better. Last year at St. Louis the Cleveland drill team, composed of women, won the grand prize."

A. U. K. & D. of A. Closes

Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 15.—The Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, of which William H. Fields of St. Louis, Mo., is national grand master, closed one of the most successful sessions in the history of the national grand council which was held at St. Paul A. M. E. Zion church, 55th St. and Quincy St. The second national encampment of the military department was held at Kingsbury park, under the command of Major J. A. Shackelford of St. Louis, Mo.

The organization of the grand lodge and the appointment of the committees to function the 17th annual grand lodge, the boat excursion down Lake Erie, the reports of the national and the state grand officers, the reception to the delegates of the local councils and state representatives and the great Mardi Gras, the continuation of the reports of the state grand officers, most excellent queens and the national deputies, the visit to Camp William H. Fields and the sightseeing trip of the city were all history-making events of the order. Thursday was taken up with the completion of reports of all departments and in the election of the following grand officers: Wm. H. Fields, St. Louis, Mo., national grand master; the Rev. S. D. Davis, Indianapolis, Ind., national deputy grand master; Dr. Geo. M. Cathrell, St. Louis, Mo., national secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Josie Henly, St. Louis, Mo., national inspector of finance; Mrs. Ella L. Holmes Swanagan, Chicago, Ill., national grand queen; the Rev. T. L. Scott, Chicago, Ill., national grand chaplain; E. L. Westbrook, East St. Louis, Ill., national grand guard, and Mrs. Virginia Allen, Indianapolis, Ind., national grand right maid of honor.

State Grand Queens

Mrs. Julia Cordell, Missouri; Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Mrs. Ada Goins, Indiana; Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough, New York, and Mrs. Ella B. Kato, Ohio.

State Grand Mother Queens

Mrs. Mamie Gaines, Missouri; Mrs. Henrietta Dean, Illinois; Mrs. Cora Evans, Ohio, and Mrs. Maria Gilliam, New York.

Hon. William H. Fields, national grand master, made several very important recommendations to the grand council. Among them were: The creating of the office of national

grand mother queen for the juvenile department; assistant national grand secretary-treasurer for the national grand council; a provision for the appointment of a committee of five to revise the constitution and by-laws of the national grand council, and a provision for more official space to house the national grand council at headquarters.

He also complimented in his annual address the state grand officers, most excellent queens and other representatives for the splendid work accomplished in their various divisions during the past year. The national grand secretary-treasurer's report showed an increase in membership of over 5,000 for the year and the collection of more than \$46,000.

The parade Friday at high noon over some of the principal streets was one long to be remembered by the people of this city, and the prize contest drill at the Public hall which seats more than 8,000 people and one of the finest buildings in the United States was a history-making event for the military department. Never before was the contest so close and better showing made by the military department.

The Oak Leaf drill team of Chicago, with Major Williams at the head, took first prize in the fancy drill, which was \$125 in cash and a silk banner, champion banner for 1924. Lake City drill team "A" of Cleveland took second prize, which was \$50 in cash. Missouri drill team, which knows no failure, brought great applause when Mid-West company "C" won first prize in the regulation drill of \$150 and the world's champion banner for 1924. Premier company "A" of Indianapolis, Ind., won second prize in the regulation drill and received \$100 in cash, while Victoria company "M" of St. Louis, Mo., won third prize of \$50 in cash in the regulation drill.

Wide Awake council of Cleveland won \$25 for the finest decorated automobile during the parade. These prizes were awarded at Camp William H. Fields on Saturday at 11 o'clock, thus closing the 17th annual session of the national grand council and the second national encampment of the military department with credit to the local councils and representatives, officers of the national grand council to meet in August, 1925, at Indianapolis, Ind.

PRESIDENT OF TENTS GIVEN GOLD MEDAL

J. R. G. & J. U. TENTS ANNUAL SESSION

Fifteenth Annual Sessions
Marked With Best Report
in History of Order.

Mrs. Adaline M. Ward's Ef-
ficiency As National Grand
Past Officer Rewarded By
Splendid Gift.

The Grand Past Officers, mem-
bers of the Board of Shareholders
and leaders of the local Tents of
the United Order of Tents of the
J. R. G. and J. U. presented Mrs.
Adaline M. Ward, president and
secretary of the organization with
a handsome gold medal in token
of their love and esteem for her
as a friend and for her efficiency
as a National Grand Past Officer.

The presentation came as a gen-
uine surprise to Mrs. Ward, who
was ushered into the room by Mrs.
J. E. Casper, and awaited the
Grand Past Officers, members of
the Board of Shareholders and
leaders. The opening prayer was
made by Mrs. Charlotte Baynes,
this was followed by Mrs. Victoria
A. Moore, National Grand Senior
Matron and Queen of the Royal
Degree Chamber, who made the
presentation speech in words of
tenderness, beautifully portraying
the motive that prompted the
splendid gift. Every officer pres-
ent added their words of love and
esteem for Mrs. Ward as a friend
and officer. Mrs. Ward accepted
the beautiful gift from the sisters
saying "that words failed her at
this time to express her joy and
grateful appreciation for the ex-
pressions of love and confidence
shown her by her friends and co-
workers." Mrs. Mabel Lawrence
presented a beautiful bouquet of
flowers. Refreshments were served
and all spent a pleasant evening.

Danville, Va., June 4—The fif-
teenth annual session of the South-
ern District Grand Tent No. 1 of
the United Order of Tents of the
J. R. G. and J. U. convened in
High Street Baptist Church, this
city, May 27, 28 and 29. Mrs.
Lucinda Daggett of Richmond, W.
G. S. M. presiding, called the Con-
vention to order and delivered a
most beautiful welcome address.
Delegates and visitors numbered
more than six hundred, represent-
ing Virginia, North Carolina, Dis-
trict of Columbia, Maryland and
Georgia. The delegation was
warmly welcomed by the Mayor of
Danville, Hon. Harry Wooding.

R. W. N. G. Supt. Mrs. M. C.
Stewart of Hampton, introduced
to the convention in very choice
words, Mrs. Adaline M. Ward, who
had been elected as president and
secretary to fill the place made
vacant by the death of the late
president and secretary Mrs. Sal-
lie L. Bonney. The convention
arose and greeted the new presi-
dant and secretary most cordially.

The president then made her first
report giving in full the stading of
the organization financially and
numerically. The report showed
the condition of the order, beyond
any doubt, to be in splendid shape,
and invited the inspection of the
representatives as to its accuracy
and truthfulness. It showed a
membership to date of 12110; paid
in death claims for the year ending
May 1924, \$22,325.00; 228 deaths;
admitted assets of more than \$60,-
000. The convention rose to a
high state of enthusiasm and adopt-
ed the report amid deafening ap-
plause. Several important recom-
mendations were made by the con-
vention and adopted. The sister-
hood of Danville and its friends
vied with each other in making the
stay of all a very pleasant one.

The next annual meting will be
held in Washington, D. C. May
1925.

CONFERS WITH PYTHIANS ON NEW TEMPLE

W.T.Bailey, Memphis Architect, Discusses Plans For New Building

W. T. Bailey, noted architect of Memphis, Tennessee with offices in the Fraternal Bank Building there, was in the Windy City the past week conferring with officers of the proposed new Knights of Pythias Temple which will be built here on a site recently purchased at the S. E. corner of State and Trihty-seventh Place. The cost of the new structure will be \$1,000,000.

Mr. Bailey is the only C. P. A. in the State of Illinois having attended school at the University of Illinois some years ago and also associating himself with one of the largest and best known Architects in the State of Illinois.

He has designed many noted structures of the race, namely: Pythian Bath House and Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark.; Fraternal Savings Bank Building at Memphis, Tenn., and numerous edifices throughout the Southland.

Mr. Bailey states that the predominating percentage of colored building activity in the larger cities of the country is more surprising than ever before. He states further that he expects to witness the biggest business in his particular line that he has ever enjoyed.

CELEBRITIES IN TOWN
Attorney W. Ashbie Hawkins, Baltimore, Md., supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres; George Gordon, supreme keeper of records and seals; T. G. Smith, supreme trustee, of Boston, Mass., returned here for their respective homes after attending the Sanhedrin conference. Attorney Hawkins delivered an address while here on "Fraternity," telling of its splendid effect on the Race. He also told of the purchase of the \$300,000 temple in Boston and the results obtained there. Dr. Alice W. McKane of Boston, supreme worthy counselor, rendered a wholesome instruction, telling the need of a juvenile organization to perpetuate the order.

FLORIDA KNIGHTS LEAD COUNTRY

Sanford, Fla., June 9th (Associated Negro Press)—The Knights of Pythias, jurisdiction of Florida, leads all other state lodges in finance declared S. W. Green, supreme chancellor at the opening of the 36th annual session here. The Grand Chancellor W. W. Andrews, who is serving his fourteenth term in this office, has built the order up, during that time until it is the leading fraternal order in the state. From a deficit of \$5000 in 1910, the order has total resources at present of \$400,000 and has paid to the widows and orphans of deceased Knights over \$500,000. It built in 1922, a five-story building in Jacksonville at a cost of \$200,000 without a mortgage and without assessment.

At the thirty-sixth annual session which just closed, there were over 2000 Pythians. The mayor, the city commission and the chamber of commerce were active in making the meeting a pleasant one. A camp ground of ten acres was erected at no expense to the Pythians for their exclusive use, and the police force suspended during the three days of the meeting. The Uniform Rank had the privilege of using its own police.

Monday night at the opening session, Roscoe Conkling Simmons, Supreme Lecturer was the feature of the program. He followed the Mayor who made the following significant and truthful statement: "We treat you as you should be treated. We treat you as American citizens." Simmons' address received warm applause from the white as well as colored persons present. Many distinguished persons were present including S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor; Roscoe Simmons, Supreme Lecturer; Hon. Forest Lake, Mayor; W. R. Paramon, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce; Gen. W. W. Andrews, Grand Chancellor; Mrs. E. I. Colver, Grand Worthy Counselor; Mrs. W. W. Andrews, H. W. Moore, Grand Master; Prince Hall Mason; John L. Harris, Grand Master Independent Order of Archers and many others. Palatka was elected as the next place of meeting.

PYTHIAN PROGRESS

Growth of Knights of Pythias in Assets—Men Only

	Net Assets
Dec. 31, 1916.....	\$127,437.17
Dec. 31, 1917.....	130,507.85
Dec. 31, 1918.....	125,723.28

Dec. 31, 1919.....	134,860.85
Dec. 31, 1920.....	241,656.88
Dec. 31, 1921.....	316,730.05
Dec. 31, 1922.....	406,647.76
Dec. 31, 1923.....	499,536.17
May 19, 1924.....	541,128.97

Membership Knights of Pythias Men Only

Dec. 31, 1917.....	7,715
Dec. 31, 1918.....	7,949
Dec. 31, 1919.....	11,379
Dec. 31, 1920.....	14,165
Dec. 31, 1921.....	16,975
Dec. 31, 1922.....	17,434
Dec. 31, 1923.....	21,089
May 19, 1924.....	24,001

BALANCE SHEET MAY 19TH, 1924

CASH—	
In Office.....	\$ 100.00
American Exchange National Bank.....	75,330.55
Mercantile Bank & Trust Co.	51,790.47
Citizens National Bank, Waco.....	20,322.19
Republic National Bank, Dallas.....	38,636.38
City National Bank, Paris.....	51,968.08
War Saving Stamps.....	6-7-24
U. S. Treasury Certificates.....	834.00
Mortgage Loans.....	4,000.00
Sanitarium Bonds.....	103,655.83
Supreme Lodge account.....	20,000.00
Building & Real Estate Book Value.....	7,000.00
Temple Drug Store.....	157,419.82
	2,471.75
Total Ledger Assets.....	\$533,529.07
NON-LEDGER ASSETS—	
Accrued Interest.....	5,657.88
Furniture and Fixtures.....	6,650.00
	12,307.88
TOTAL ASSETS MAY 19, 1924.....	545,836.95
Less Unpaid Death Claims.....	4,707.98
NET ASSETS MAY 19, 1924.....	541,128.97
NET ASSETS MAY 20, 1923.....	450,277.45
NET INCREASE FOR THE YEAR.....	90,851.52
Interest Collected for the Year.....	17,124.68
Accrued Interest.....	5,657.88
Total Interest Earnings.....	22,782.56
Officers Salary Schedule.....	13,800.00
INTEREST EARNINGS OVER SALARIES PAID.....	8,982.56

PYTHIAN ON GRAND JURY IN ST. LOUIS

White Deputy Refused to Serve Papers

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 12.—Col. William H. Butler, 3510 Cozens Ave., former brigadier general of the Uniform

Rank of Pythians and a department manager for Meyer Brothers, wholesale drug company here, was appointed to grand jury service last week in Division No. 12 of the Circuit court of this city, over which Judge Hamilton presides. This is the first time in the memory of court attaches that one of our Race has served in such a capacity.



William H. Butler

An incident developed in connection with Col. Butler serving as a juror which attracted a great deal of attention among court officials and our people generally. According to Col. Butler, a white deputy sheriff, whose duty it was to serve him with the summons, came to the Meyer Brothers store and inquired for "William H. Butler," the summons indicating that Butler was a department manager, and when the colonel put in his appearance the deputy, with an expression of surprise, asked: "Are you Mr. Butler?" Upon receiving an affirmative answer the bewildered deputy said: "Oh, I have made a mistake. It is another man I wanted." Then he walked away from the colonel.

Mr. Butler did not let the matter stop there, because he saw something wicked in the attitude of the deputy sheriff. He therefore went to the sheriff's office to investigate the matter. It was discovered that a summons had been issued for "William H. Butler," but had not been served. Sheriff Strodtman had the summons brought to the main office and placed it in the hands of one of the deputies, who served it on Col. Butler in time for him to render jury service.

No satisfactory explanation has been made by the white deputy, Henry Forthman, who generally serves the grand jury summonses, as to why he did not serve Mr. Butler.

Willis Gets Great Ovation; Immigration Faction Staged Big Bluff and Bad Blunder

(By C. F. RICHARDSON.)

Ft. Worth, Texas, June 4, 1924.—With streamers flying, banners and standards gleaming, bands playing and an invading host the like of which has never been witnessed before here among the colored fraternal organizations, the colored Knights of Pythias of the Texas jurisdiction and Court of Calanthe of the same realm, formally opened their grand sessions in Pantherville Monday.

A special train via the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway, with Houston as the concentration point, left South Texas Sunday morning at 8:45 o'clock and reached this city about 7:30 p. m. Delegations in special chair cars from Galveston, Yoakum, Austin, San Antonio and Waco, joined the special train en route, and when the Pythian special reached Fort Worth, the train consisted of one baggage car, one day coach and seven chair cars. Other rail lines entering this city brought special carloads of brave Knights and "fair" Calantheans from every point of the compass of the Lone Star commonwealth. Others from adjacent and neighboring cities, towns, villages and hamlets journeyed here overland in sundry and divers makes of automobiles.

The accommodations on the special train over the Katy were very commendable and the entire delegation was unanimous in its high praise of the excellent service. Pythian brass bands from Yoakum, Waco and Austin enlivened the trip with airs and arias en route to the grand lodge.

Down to Real Business.

Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis, whose administration of Pythian affairs in the Texas jurisdiction has been most phenomenal and almost inconceivable, got down to business the first day and dispatched quite a bit of routine and business matters. The usual opening ritualistic ceremonies were conducted, after which the various committees were appointed. Preceding the appointment of committees came the reading of the temporary roll and official proclamation of the grand chancellor for the present session.

Supreme Grand Chancellor Green.

Hon. S. W. Green, New Orleans, La., supreme grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, was introduced to the grand lodge and briefly acknowledged the introduction. He was followed by W. W. Andrews, grand chancellor of the Florida jurisdiction.

Injunction Writ Served.

The proceedings of Monday morning

were interrupted by the serving of an injunction writ by a deputy sheriff of Tarrant county, against W. S. Willis, grand chancellor; J. E. Smith, grand keeper of records and seal, and A. B. Marshall, assistant grand keeper of records and seal. The plaintiffs were R. S. Watson of Fort Worth, J. W. Millsboro, W. J. Smith and James of Houston, C. H. Thomas Waco and Carl Carleton. In the court decree the plaintiffs prayed the judge to order said grand lodge to conduct the annual election according to the laws of the order and transact all business of the grand lodge in strict accord and conformity with Pythian law.

After the reading of the instrument to the grand lodge by A. S. Wells, grand attorney, Grand Chancellor Willis remarked that the order needed no court nor legal tribunal to instruct it how to hold an election or conduct its affairs. "Yet," he shouted, "when it comes to playing the game of politics, we are past masters."

Plaintiffs Lost Status.

The Pythian law was then read anent members of the order or local lodges resorting to redress through civil courts before exhausting every means possible to get such redress and remedy such evils through the tribunals of the Pythian order. The "insurgents" were then declared ineligible to further participate in the deliberation of the grand lodge until

brought to trial as provided in Pythian law and were ordered to take seats among those having no voice nor vote in the grand lodge. It was a tense moment and the tenseness was only relieved by the alacrity with which the plaintiffs left the "castle hall."

Reports Show Progress.

The annual reports of the grand officers were then made, the first being that of Sir J. E. Smith, grand keeper of records and seal, which, in part, follows:

Re-elect Official Family.

At this juncture the grand chancellor ruled that, "contrary to all previous policy or precedent of the order, I now declare the annual election of officers the business of the hour." Supreme Chancellor Green took the gavel and presided during the brief election.

A unanimous motion prevailed that the rules and by-laws be suspended, and that the grand master-at-arms cast the unanimous vote of the grand lodge for the re-election of the entire official family.

Impromptu Demonstration.

Then a strange, novel and unusual incident transpired. Before the grand master-at-arms could cast said vote the representatives, to a man, leaped to their feet and rushed to shake the hands of the grand chancellor. It reminded one of a happy Baptist congregation, who, after listening to a soul-inspiring discourse from the pastor, rushes to the altar to grasp his hands and wish him God-speed. These men clapped their hands, shouted, rooted, cheered and rent the air with their vociferous and thunderous applause, acclamation and approbation. It required much effort to regain order and transact the further business of the session.

These Retain Offices.

W. S. Willis, Dallas, grand chancellor; L. B. Kinchion, Belton, vice grand chancellor; Rev. R. S. Jenkins, Dallas, grand prelate; J. E. Smith, Dallas, grand keeper of records and seal; Dr. A. N. Prince, Sherman, past grand chancellor; George M. Guest, Paris, grand master of exchequer; W. L. D. Johnson, Houston, grand lecturer; R. A. Atkinson, Lockhart, grand inner guard; J. L. Patton, grand outer guard; Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Dallas, grand medical director; C. A. Walker, Austin, grand master at arms; A. S. Wells, Dallas, grand attorney. Board

of directors: A. S. Jackson, Waco, president; H. L. Price, Cune, secretary; J. H. Hines, Waco; J. H. Hughes, Cameron; J. J. Burnett, Cleburne; W. S. Willis, Dallas. Supreme representatives: L. B. Kinchion and George M. Guest.

Mayor Welcomes Visitors.

The formal public program was held Monday night, when the auditorium of the Masonic Temple was crowded to capacity. Mayor E. R. Cockrell extended the city's welcome in a happy vein and pleasing manner, and was given a big hand by the monster audience. He was introduced by Prof. J. Gentry Horace, and L. B. Kinchion responded to the welcome in his own inimitable manner.

Mrs. V. E. Johnson welcomed the representatives on behalf of local lodges and courts in a very able address. Mrs. P. D. Johnson of Marshall responded to the welcome. Dr. G. M. Munchins, in an able talk introduced the grand chancellor, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Harry T. Burleigh Club.

The musical numbers by the Harry T. Burleigh Harmony Club were exceptionally well rendered, and this musical organization is doing much to put Fort Worth on the map. The personnel of this club: Sopranos, Mmes. Roselle S. Maddox, Beatrice C. Reese, Carrie J. Taylor; contraltos, Miss Marie A. Hutchinson, Mmes. Beatrice S. Scott, Johnnie Griggs, Jennie E. Bledsoe; tenors, W. F. Bledsoe (director), Charles W. Hatcher; basso, James Brown; pianist, Mrs. Franklin M. Ross.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. A. D. Key, Greenville, grand counsellor of the Court of Calanthe, was presented and made a short talk.

Greatest Pythian Jurisdiction.

Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis, in his annual message, departed from the usual manner of delivering such addresses and made his report largely through graphic charts. These drawings showed the foundation on which the order is built, the source of property, interest earnings, cost of operation vs. total volume of business, growth of membership, growth of surplus, standpipe of prosperity, standard of strength, comparisons of net resources, investments in loans, et cetera.

In his opening remarks Willis said: "This grand and glorious jurisdiction is today the largest Pythian jurisdiction among colored people in the world, both as to membership, resources and net cash on hand to the credit of the grand lodge. Last year our net assets were \$450,277.45, while this year we have increased this fund to \$541,128.97. We have made this year, above all payments for death claims, burial claims and expenses of operating the order, a net earning of the magnificent sum of \$90,851.51. In 1923 the net assets amounted to \$83,692.81—a gain of \$7,158.71. Brethren, this is going some!"

Assets Over \$500,000.

"Our net assets this year being \$541,128.97, make of us an half million dollar (\$500,000.00) corporation—the only one of its kind owned and controlled by colored people in the state of Texas. Our membership today is 24,001 and we are still growing by leaps and bounds."

He deplored the lack of co-operation and harmony between the grand lodge and grand court, and made no official recommendations to the body.

Willis also explained his position and defended his action in awarding the contract for the erection of his Dallas home. He urged colored business and professional men to do business along lines of honest competition and to stop trying to sell their color and racial connection.

Speakers Praise Leader.

At the conclusion of his wonderful address, several speakers lauded the Willis administration for its colossal growth and marvelous progress and praised and extolled him for his vision, courage, foresight and business acumen. Among those to speak were William Coleman of El Paso, L. G. McDonald of Milford, Dr. G. M. Munchins of Fort Worth, Rev. W. L. Dickson of Gilmer, W. J. Smith of Houston, A. S. Jackson of Waco, Dr. A. N. Prince of Sherman.

Rev. J. H. Hughes of Cameron led in singing "Willis going to shine." Prolonged cheering greeted the end of the song and it was the consensus of opinion that Willis' annual message was the greatest document of its kind ever delivered to a grand lodge in America.

Secret Societies—1924.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For Period Beginning May 20, 1923 and Ending May 19, 1924.

Items	End. Fund	Burial	Gr. Lodge	Total
Balances May 20, 1923.....	\$214,726.76	\$44,954.91	\$12,156.91	\$448,838.58
Income—				
Flat Premium	47,668.75			47,668.75
Adequate Premium	115,147.96			115,147.96
Policy Fees	1,200.25			1,200.25
Interest (Bank)	7,111.11			7,111.11
Interest (Mtg. Loans).....	6,211.34			6,211.34
Discount Mtg. Loans	1,775.00			1,775.00
Checks recharged to bank.....	562.15			562.15
Burial Tax		33,093.50		33,093.50
Temple Rents			6,521.50	6,521.50
Lodge Supplies			1,139.30	1,139.30
Interest (bank)			1,605.58	1,605.58
Grand Lodge Tax			37,632.60	37,632.60
Interest (other than bk.).....			424.65	424.65
Total income	\$179,676.56	\$33,093.50	\$47,323.73	\$260,093.79
Totals	394,403.32	78,048.41	59,480.64	558,932.37
Reserve fund				150,000.00

Total Funds				\$708,932.37
Disbursements—				
Death claims paid.....	\$ 83,342.86	\$18,160.60		\$101,503.46
Legal expense	65.85		777.98	843.83
Travel and per diem	316.89		1,465.19	1,782.08
Adv. Print. and Stationery.....	2,853.71		1,465.19	4,892.31
Offices' salaries	4,625.00		8,616.66	13,241.66
Employees' salaries	2,529.00		1,275.00	3,804.00
Commissions paid	624.30			624.30
Post., Tel., Tel. and Exp.....	789.35		588.79	1,378.14
Furniture and fixtures	1,822.50		2,104.00	3,926.50
Actuarial expense	989.84			989.84
Miscellaneous	137.70		318.42	456.12
Med. Examination Fees.....	2,554.40			2,554.40
Drive expense	8,171.49		1,013.94	9,185.43
Unif. Rk. and G. L. Ex.....	4,000.00		4,309.25	8,309.25
W. R. Roberts Office Ex.....	80.07			80.07
Refunds	40.00			40.00
Supplies			788.00	788.00
Temple Expense			8,824.83	8,824.83
Rent			241.50	241.50
Uniform Rank (Special)			707.08	707.08
Donations			365.00	365.00
Supreme Lodge Taxes			7,885.50	7,885.50
Supreme Lodge Conv.....			2,800	2,800.00
Relief			180.00	180.00
Balances May 10, 1924.....	\$112,942.96	\$18,160.60	\$44,299.74	\$175,403.30
	\$281,460.36	\$59,887.81	\$15,180.90	\$333,529.07

GRAND LODGE IN SESSION

Knights Of Pythias And The Grand Court Calanthe Have Annual Gathering At Sedalia, Mo.

Special to the Argus.

SEDALIA, Mo., July 24.—The Missouri Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias and the Grand Court Order of Calanthe met simultaneously in this

city Tuesday morning, July 22 at 10 o'clock. The Uniform Rank Department pitched tents at Camp R. C. Carter at Dunbar Park.

The men are in session at the City Hall while the women are housed in Lincoln High School building.

The opening session Tuesday night was held jointly and an interesting program was rendered at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church.

Features of the second day's session were the annual reports of the officers. The Grand Chancellor's report covered many phases of the work of the order, showing a steady growth numerically and financially.

The assets of the organization are reported to be over one million and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,050,000).

The good people of Sedalia have made every possible provision for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

Knights of Pythias.

Reserve fund	\$150,000.00
Total	\$533,529.07

SCHEDULE I.

EXHIBIT SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Balance as per Statement	\$533,529.07
Cash—	
In office	\$ 100.00
American Ex. Natl. Bank.....	75,330.55
Mercantile Bank & Trust Co.....	51,790.47
Citizens Natl. Bank, Waco.....	20,322.19
Republic Natl. Bank, Dallas.....	38,636.38
City Natl. Bank, Paris.....	51,968.08
Total cash	\$238,147.67
War savings stamps	834.00
U. S. treasury certificates.....	4,000.00
Mortgage Loans	103,655.83
Sanitarium Bonds	20,000.00
Supreme Lodge account	7,000.00
Real estate and buildings	157,419.82
Temple drug store	2,471.75
Total	\$533,529.07
Non-Ledger Assets.	
Accrued Interest	\$ 5,657.88
Furniture and fixtures	6,650.00
Total	\$ 12,307.88
Ttotal assets May 19, 1924.....	\$545,836.95
Less unpaid death claims	4,707.98
Net assets May 19, 1924.....	\$541,128.97
Net assets May 20, 1923.....	450,277.45
Net increase for the year.....	\$ 90,851.52
Interest collected for the year.....	17,124.68
Interest accrued	5,657.88
Total interest earned.....	\$ 22,782.56
Officers' salary schedule	13,800.00
Interest earnings over salaries paid.....	\$ 8,982.56

Officers Elected

A. W. Lloyd, G. C.; A. C. Macklin, Vice G. C.; H. B. Stone, Grand Prelate; W. T. Ancell, G. K. of R. and Seals; J. B. Coleman, M. of Ex.; W. E. Helms, Grand Lecturer; Dr. T. A. Jones, G. Medical Director; A. M. Oliver, G. M. at A.; J. T. Ancell, G. I. G.; C. D. Whitcomb, G. O. G.; L. A. Knox, G. Atty.; W. H. Goff, Past Grand Chancellor; Wm. H. Hughes, for rank of P. G. C.; C. C. Hubbard of Sedalia, and F. W. Dabney, of Kansas City, for Supreme Representatives.

Grand Court Officers

Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner, G. W. C.; Mrs. Josephine Trueheart, G. W. Insp.; Mrs. Georgia Robinson, G. W. Orator; Mrs. Cora A. Conway, G. W. Insp.; Miss Zenobia Williams, G. R. of D.; Mrs. Lottie M. Bell, G. R. of Deposits; Mrs. Sadie Griffin, Sr. Dir.; Mrs. Flora Jackson, Jr. Dir.; Mrs.

Eva Allen, G. Escort; Mrs. Marie Wallace, G. Conductress; Mrs. Alice Mason, Asst. Conductress; Mrs. Ellen Henderson, Grand Herald; Mrs. Augusta Allen, G. W. Protector; Mrs. Anna B. Wilburn, G. Lecturer; Dr. A. N. Vaughn, G. M. Dir.; Mrs. Hattie M. Fowler, G. Sec'y. Endowment; G. L. Vaughn, G. Atty.; Mrs. Millie Whitsell, G. J. M.; Mrs. Josephine Trueheart and Mrs. Mollie Wyatt, Supreme Representatives; Mrs. Julia E. Price and Mrs. Eva L. Fox, Temp'e Commission.

Next session at Kansas City, Mo.

NEGRO PYTHIANS MEET

Grand Lodge Is Holding Session In Dothan.

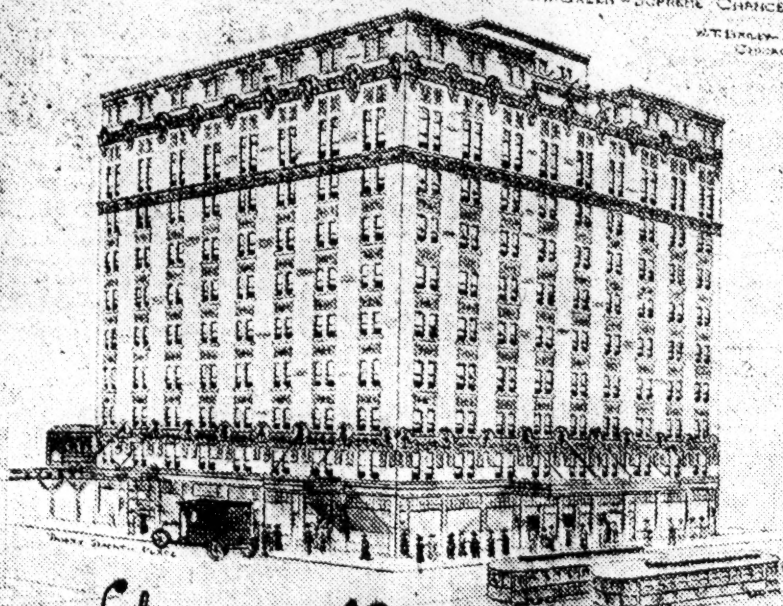
DOTHAN, ALA., Aug. 14.—The second day's session of the Grand Lodge of Negro Knights of Pythias, R. A. Blount presiding; grand court of Calanthe female branch, Carrie A. Tuggle presiding and the encampment uniform ranks, General C. S. Norman commanding, spent today in hearing reports and listening to practical addresses from conservative leaders of their race. Two thousand men and women from all parts of the state are here.

In his annual address, Grand Chancellor Blount told the members of his race to stop complaining and walling, do something, declaring that the world was not extending sympathy to the negro because his parents were once slaves, "but this is an age of do something yourself," he said, "or stand aside. It is not a question of what would your parents do, or to whom did they belong, but who are you and can you measure up to the standard of a man?"

CHICAGO GETS TEMPLE

DESIGN FOR NATIONAL TEMPLE BUILDING FOR KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CHICAGO ILLINOIS

S. W. GREEN - SUPREME CHANCELLOR
W. T. BAILEY - ARCHITECT
CHICAGO, ILL.



Chicago Reflector
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The design and specifications for the new \$1,000,000 Pythian temple has been accepted by the K. of P. of Missouri assembled here recently for that purpose. The building will be located at the southeast corner of State St. and 37th Pl., with a frontage of 132 feet on State St. and 122 feet on 37th Pl. The entire first floor will be divided into stores, all fronting State St., while the basement will be used by the uniform ranks for drilling purposes. The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors will be occupied as offices; the seventh and eighth, main auditorium; ninth floor, assembly rooms, and the tenth will be a roof garden. There will be four elevators. W. T. Bailey is the architect.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LOAN \$20,000 TO FORT WORTH CHURCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, July 19—otherwise, have been the recipients of the benefits of forwardness of the program of his particular fraternity. That the secret orders of the state are making it possible for the reserve funds accumulated by them to be used for the benefit of the race in Texas is amply proven again in the loan of \$20,000 by the Knights of Pythias of Texas to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of this city for the completion of the work on the annex to the church which was begun several months ago.

The appraiser in placing a valuation on the church and annex before the completion of the arrangements for the loan estimated the total value of the property at \$175,000. Rev. S. R. Prince is pastor of the church.

This is only one of a series of such loans that this fraternity has made to the various institutions of the state of various times. Colleges and other churches as well as the homes of the Order which are in danger of being lost through unscrupulous real estate dealers or

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New Pythian Temple Planned



All of the colored Knights of Pythias lodges in the city have joined in furnishing the funds

for the erection of this new temple, which is to be built in the spring at Mt. Vernon Ave. and Tallmadge St.

Dr. John P. Crawford was chosen for the twenty-sixth time as Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in this Annual Grand Lodge here last week. The other officers elected were:

Dr. J. P. Crawford, Grand Chancellor.

B. M. Roddy, Grand Vice Chancellor.

A. F. Shockley, Grand Master of Work.

W. J. Waytes, Grand Prelate.

Dr. C. O. Hunter, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

G. W. Williams, Grand Master of Exchequer.

R. E. Gee, Grand Master at Arms.

Dr. W. A. Thompson, Grand Medical Director.

N. N. Reynolds, Grand Lecturer.

A. L. Wittie, Grand Marshall.

W. H. Johnson, Grand Inner Guard.

W. A. Snow, Grand Outer Guard.

Hon. J. C. Napier, Grand Attorney.

R. W. Allen, W. A. Lewis, Endowment Board.

A. L. Porter, Grand Trustee.

U. W. Richardson and A. N. Stephens Supreme Representatives.

This completed the election of officers for the most largely attended and what is regarded as the best session of the Pythian Grand Lodge ever held in the jurisdiction of Tennessee. Every report showed a tremendous gain; the biggest however, was the wonderful showing made by the endowment secretary, Sir L. E. Brown, who reported \$57,000; in other words an increase of over \$17,000 over last year.

All the sessions were held in the Pythian Temple on Fifth Avenue. The spectacular street parade Tuesday proved to be the one big feature. The parade was in charge of Brig. Gen. Preston Taylor. They traversed the principal streets of the city and wound up at Greenwood Park. During the week of the Grand Lodge much stress was put upon Pythianism, and the Grand Chancellor's strong appeal for co-operative effort and the uniting of all forces is said to have been adopted individually as well as collectively by the Pythians present, who will recommend it to their subordinate lodges.

TEMPLARS STORM DECATUR IN GRAND SESSION

Negro Templars and Friends Have Capacity House at First Baptist Church.

Decatur, Ala., July 23 —(Special to The Reporter)—Long before the time appointed for the welcome exercises at the First Colored Baptist Church for the Mosaic Templars, every seat in the spacious auditorium and the Sunday school annex were crowded, and visitors began to fill the aisles. When the exercises began it was estimated that fifteen hundred persons were within the walls of the building, while a larger crowd surrounded the church outside.

The Tuesday night exercises were featured not simply by a record attendance but the program was unusual and interesting throughout. After invocation by Grand Chaplain Mathereson, Dr. N. E. Cashin, master of ceremonies, presented J. J. Sykes, who spoke words of welcome in behalf of the city; Prof. A. C. Sheffy, who delivered the welcome in behalf of the business men, and A. A. Elliott, who represented the local Mosaics lodges. The eloquent response was made by Dr. J. Pius Barbour, pastor of the Day Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Inspiring congratulatory remarks were made by Dr. S. J. Elliott, of Little Rock, Arkansas, national grand master; J. H. McConico, expert accountant and national auditor of the Mosaics, and W. E. Dancer, state grand master for Florida. The inspiring singing by trained voices composed of local talent and visitors was a special feature of the welcome.

In his remarks, Dr. Elliott, who was born near Decatur, sixty-nine years ago, said among other things: "The primary and fundamental object of the order is to develop Negro character. I believe Negroes should always be Negroes, here and Negroes in heaven. Negroes should not try to get away from themselves but try to develop themselves."

J. H. Monico declared among other things that during the last forty years the order founded by two ex-slaves, J. E. Bush and C. W. Keatts, had grown from one lodge and fifteen members, to three thousand lodges and 110,000 members; operates in 26 states, Central America, South America, and West Indies; June 1 had assets amounting to \$1,020,500; had 2,300 officers and employees; paid out more than half million dollars in death claims during 1923, and had state buildings in Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kentucky. McConico said also that the national headquarters in Little Rock covers nearly half of a city block. The order will build a national hospital with auxiliaries in each state, the national auditor declares.

Powell Re-Elected.

The Wednesday afternoon session of Mosaic Templars was characterized by an ovation to L. L. Powell, re-elected to the presidency of the Alabama Mosaic Templars for two years, and the reading of the reports of the general state officers showing the present condition of the state organization and its history and progress since the last meeting, two years ago.

Following the reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday's proceedings every seat in the vast auditorium of the First Baptist Church being filled with delegates and the aisles crowded, Dr. John W. Goodgame, pastor of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, in an eloquent nominating address, moved the suspension of the rules and the re-election of L. L. Powell for the next two years. Twelve hundred delegates, led by Past District Grand Master Mitchell, of Bessemer, who led in seconding the motion, stood in affirmation of the motion. The vote was unanimous. The scene was dramatic. Simultaneously, two songs were raised in different parts of the auditorium. One side of the delegation sang "Thank God, I Am Satisfied," on the other side, "Lift Me Up on Higher Grounds" rang out. During the unpremeditated rivalry in singing, crowds on the platform were shaking hands with Grand Master Powell and one thousand others were waving handkerchiefs in extending their congratulations.

Grand Master Powell was unprepared for the unanimous ovation and expressed his appreciation by a broad, extended smile.

National Grand Master Elliott, who was presiding, called for the annual reports of the state officers of the or-

der. In his report, Grand Master Powell reviewed the history of the state organization, showing among other things that 1,200 members have been added during the last two years; that the new members come from every rank of life; that the order was organized in Alabama in 1900; that during the past two years the membership has grown from 37,100 to 42,000, that the local lodges have increased 742 to 900; that \$74,447 was collected by the local lodges for home purposes; that \$54,083.90 was paid out for sick and other purposes; that \$20,363.00 is the amount of cash on hand in the treasuries of the state lodges and that Alabama state organization now own one state temple and 88 halls, valued at \$283,000.

The other reports for two years showed the following results: State Grand Secretary, Amanda Davis, confirming the report.

State Grand Treasurer J. W.

Goodgame received \$13,311.65

Balance on hand July 18.... 6,056.14

Reynolds, treasurer of the En-

downment Department .. 62,993.71

Balance on hand 10,136.73

C. W. Lee, secretary state

temple, showed receipts . 29,652.34

Balance on hand 3,279.21

All officers were re-elected. A sum-

mary of these reports showed \$40,000

cash balance in treasuries of local

lodges and in hands of secretary of

the burial department, the Grand

Lodge treasury and the State Temple

treasury.

THE Mosaic Templars of America

DECEMBER 15, 1924

NEGRO ORDER TO PAY OUT \$90,000

Mosaic Templars Is Outstanding Fraternal Order; Benefits State and Members.

The Mosaic Templars of America, outstanding Negro fraternal beneficiary society of this country, with headquarters in Little Rock, will do a most unusual thing in the fraternal business circles by paying \$90,000 in claims to beneficiaries on December 21, just four days before Christmas. During the present month the order will collect \$180,000. The rapid growth and expansion of this order has

necessitated a very progressive program and plans are being perfected for even greater development in the future. Taking the lead in the fraternal world and still determined to maintain this pre-eminence of leadership, the national officers are seriously considering the advisability of establishing an industrial enterprise that will give employment to many members of the race. The next annual meeting will be held in the city of Little Rock in July, 1925 and will be attended by more than five thou-

sand delegates from every state in the union and many foreign countries.

Asset to State

Negro fraternal orders in Arkansas

are a great asset to the Negroes as

well as to the state. The total assets

for the year ending 1923 amounted

to \$3,089,021, an increase of \$153,028

over the previous year; for the same

year's report of the state insurance

commissioner there was a decrease

of \$11,612 in the total liabilities;

there was an increase of 61,702 mem-

bers and a decrease of \$8,282 in

claims paid. Most of the orders are

housed in their own buildings and

the yearly payroll amounts to \$300,-

000. The average cash balance daily

carried in the banks amounts to

\$500,000. The solvency valuation of

the orders compare favorably with

that of other orders in the United

States. The officers are competent,

wide-awake and progressive business

men and possess the business tact

and acumen necessary for the suc-

cessful management of these gigan-

tic business enterprises.

With Arkansas as headquarters,

the Mosaic Templars have a splendid

opportunity to render immeasurable

service to the Negroes of this coun-

try. The national officers are con-

templating the establishment of a

cotton mill for the purpose of giving

employment to hundreds of Negro

men and women of the state. The

Negroes in Arkansas are the most

prosperous of their group in any sec-

tion of the United States. All are

contented with a few exceptions. To

say nothing of the valuable property

owned by them in the cities and

towns, it is a credit to their thrift

that they own 15,369 farms in high

state of cultivation and valued at

\$45,536,338. The Negro population of

Arkansas is 472,220 of which 187,565

are of scholastic age. There are ap-

proximately 3,000 Negro teachers in

the state and it is the consensus of

opinion among the teachers that

conditions in Arkansas demand the

extension of teachers' training facili-

ties and justly the establishment of a

normal training school for teachers.

Valuable Property

Extending its scope of activities beyond the pale of the fraternal world, the Mosaic Templars are fostering various meritorious projects not only for the benefit of their members, but also for the public at large. Leading the other orders in assets, and using these assets for the uplift and betterment of the whole race, the order has very valuable unimproved property in Hot Springs national park and in Memphis, Tennessee where at one or the other of these places a hospital, a home for disabled members and an industrial school for orphan children of deceased members will in all probability be established.

The Mosaic Templars of America occupy a rather unique position in the realm of fraternal orders. Standing today as the outgrowth of an idea conceived in the minds of the founders, this fraternal institution is but a lengthened shadow of two great personalities—John E. Bush and Chester Keatts.

United Brothers Of Friendship In National Meeting

(Special to The Pittsburgh Courier)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., July 24—
At the opening of the 18th Triennial Session of the United Brothers of Friendship, Tuesday, July 15, more than 1,500 delegates from all over the U. S. were present.

Supreme Grand Master, H. W. Jamerson of Peoria, Ill., presided over the organization which is the oldest among Negro fraternities. It is purely of Negro origin and its birthplace was in the state of Kentucky.

The following National Officers were elected: W. F. Bledsoe, Texas N. G. M.; W. T. Daniels, Ark., N. G. D.; H. C. Russell, Ky., N. G. S. F. O. Miller, Kans., Assistant N. G. S.; W. E. Brown, Ind., N. G. Treasurer; Rev. W. Augustus Pones Penn., N. G. Chaplain; I. L. Dismukes, Penn., N. G. Organizer.

The National Grand Lodge will meet next in St. Louis, Mo.

U. B. F. TO HAVE \$100,000 BUILDING IN ST. LOUIS

According to a report of a committee appointed for the purpose, everything is now ready for beginning the erection of a new U. B. F. hall on the old site on Lawton boulevard.

Plans and specifications have been drawn, and it is stated that work will begin in a very short time so that the building may be completed early next May.

When finished, it will be a five-story building according to the plans, new from the top to bottom, and modern in every way. The approximate cost will be \$100,000.

Details of this building will be found on page 9, of this issue of The Argus.

Negroes Enjoined From Imitating White Shriners

Houston, Texas, February 22.—Arabic Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the national shrine, which were granted a permanent injunction against "Doric Temple, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and the national negro "Shrine" organization, preventing the colorable imitation of the costumes and insignia of the plaintiff order.

\$600,000 MASONIC TEMPLE IS TO OPEN

The Masons of Alabama, 23,000 in number, have need to rejoice, and they are rejoicing, over the magnificent Masonic Temple nearly completed in the City of Birmingham. This building is being erected at a cost of more than six hundred thousand dollars and when completed will be the largest and most commodious building owned by Negro people in the world. It stands as a monument of Negro thrift, solidarity of interest, confidence in race, fraternity and the great State of Alabama. It is predicted that a complete finish will be made of this structure by the first of May and it is so nearly completed at this writing that tenants are moving in, office space is being taken and the stores on the ground floor, many of them are already rented.

Grand Master W. T. Woods, whose vision and dream for the Masons is somewhat realized in this building is keeping close watch over the construction and nursing the movement to a complete and satisfactory finish. In speaking of the building some time ago, the Grand Master said: "We have invested here for the policy-holders of our order, for the comfort of our Race and the inspiration that such an effort will give to coming generations. Birm-



W. T. WOODS
Grand Master Masons of Alabama

ingham is the most progressive city in the South. It has the natural resources for our people. It is an industrial center and there will always be a large number of Negroes in this district; they must be here to take care of the mineral fields and do the work of our mammoth corporations. I am happy over this Temple and I know it is a great expression unequalled by any other fraternal order, but an indication of what can be done when our people work together. This Temple you see here is the expression of that humble, faithful and loyal group of Negroes in Alabama who believe in their race, in their order and in their State. We are wedded together to do good, to encourage the helpless, to strengthen the weak, and to make stronger the strong. Our membership is increasing and our financial resources are in fine condition."

Grand Master Woods has moved into the Temple and his office is open every day in the week.

33RD DEGREE MASONS HOLD MEET HERE

MASONS.

Plans Perfected To Finance \$100,000 Cathedral For Philadelphia

The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (Prince Hall affiliation) convened in their 43rd annual session at Greater Bethel A. M. E. Church Monday morning for a three-day session.

Illustrious Sumner A. Furniss, Most Prissant Sovereign Grand Commander with all officers and deputies presided. Preparations were made to elevate several Masons to the Thirty-third degree. The reports showed an unprecedented growth in membership during the past Masonic year and the financial returns indicate this organization to be one of the strongest among colored fraternal bodies.

Cathedral Proposed

At this session the Supreme Council is making plans to finance the erection of a \$100,000 Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Grand East, in the Valley of Philadelphia.

This cathedral will house a creditable Masonic library and will have every modern equipment which will add to the dignity of the order. On the completion of this building all sessions of the Supreme Council will be held in Philadelphia, and it will be known no longer as a migratory body. The site for the building was purchased last year.

NEGRO MASONS TO DEDICATE TEMPLE

Grand Lodge Convenes in Birmingham Tuesday; Members From Over State Attend

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 18.—Special to The Advertiser.—The Alabama state grand lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, colored, will be called to order in executive session at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Masonic Temple, 4th avenue and 17th street, by Walter Thomas Woods, of Birmingham, grand master.

Reckoning from the founding of negro masonry in Alabama in 1870, this will be the 55th meeting and from the consolidation of the A. F. and A. M. in 1878, the present session will be the 47th annual communication, according to a statement by the grand master.

Grand Master Woods stated that 2,000 delegates will attend the meeting representing 950 local lodges in Alabama with an aggregate membership of forty thousand.

The state grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Royal Grand Matron

Details regarding the place and the hour of the address remain to be settled. Usually such gatherings are held beside the river, with the speaker standing on the cobblestone wharf, a relic of the old steamboat days, and the audience gathered on the nearby bank where many thousands can find accommodation.

From Wheeling, Mr. Davis will strike into the Middle West for several speeches before crossing the Mississippi river into the northwest. A concert was how many addresses will be delivered at the Stephen Foster Memorial home in the West remains to be determined. The day's program closed with a reception by the Order of Dockweiler, democratic national com-mitteman from California.

Mr. Dockweiler declared today that he regarded California as a doubtful state and that the democrats of the state and other coast states were ver-

HIGH MASONS END BIGGEST CONVENTION

Pittsburgh Host to Shriners and K. T.'s

By R. C. FISHER

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 29.—Memorial services and a sacred concert marked the opening of the 25th annual session of the Imperial council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, and the ninth biennial international conference of Knights of the Temple of the United States and Canada held in this city Aug. 17 to 23. More than 20,000 delegates and visitors attended the sessions. Nine thousand delegates registered at the general headquarters, Bethel A. M. E. church, Wylie Ave., prior to the opening of the first day session. The Knights Templar held memorial services in John Wesley church in Arthur St. John P. Scott of Harrisburg, Pa., was the principal speaker. The sacred concert in the Central Baptist church, Kirkpatrick St., was given later by the nobility of Ohio Sunday evening, Aug. 17. Bands from nearly every state marched in the parade through various downtown streets Sunday morning. An Oriental band from Philadelphia was one of the features of the march. Arabic temple of Chicago sent an aggregation of saxophone players composed of women.

Continuing their opening session from Sunday through the night, a midnight show was given early Monday morning.

Women in Session

Monday, Aug. 18, at 10 o'clock, the Imperial grand court, Daughters of Isis, opened their 15th annual conference in the Warren M. E. church.

The grand masters, past grand masters and grand secretaries, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons met Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Central Baptist church, from there they went to Bethel A. M. E. church Wylie Ave., to meet Grand Master Kittrell of Pennsylvania.

Red fezzes worn by each Shriner, together with the brilliantly colored uniforms, typical of the vast throng of "Egyptians," the steady tramp of the Nobility in full dress attire, of thousands of men moving in a seemingly endless line, the gorgeous uniforms of the ladies' auxiliary presented one of the most attractive spectacles in the history of the Imperial council Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 20. Every vantage point, every building window, every object higher than the level of the street was literally black with humanity, craning the better to see the brilliant host of marchers as they swung majestically and rhythmically along.

The military strains of many bands punctuated the steady tread of a thousand feet. Drilled with a precision borne of long and tireless practice, the different patrols and drill teams performed their maneuvers with unerring skill amidst thunderous applause, which came from the crowds on each side of the street along the line of march.

Busy Pittsburgh halted its affairs of commerce and activity and the steady hum of traffic was hushed as the large multitude of Shriners moved through the city, out to Duquesne Garden, passing through the heart of the business district, where the Shriners drill teams competed for prizes, followed by a ball and reception.

Forming a line extending for a distance of more than five miles, representing every state in the Union, 10,000 men pranced with unusual pomp and dignity.

Notable among the outstanding features of the parade were the beautifully arrayed Alla Baba patrol from Columbus, Ohio, with their yellow bloomers, their black woolen stockings with white shoes; the Deacons' club; the New York and Illinois temples; St. Louis delegation with an elaborately dressed patrol, brass band and 40 men, directed by the renowned band master, William H. Blue, and their pet goat; and Sam Cox of Sahara temple, Pittsburgh, riding his donkey, the feature of every shrine parade for the past eight years.

Many of the high officers of the Shrine rode horses bedecked with insignias and emblems of the order. Others rode in automobiles. Prominent among them were Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate of North Carolina; Levi Williams, imperial recorder, Jersey City; Charles Freeman, imperial treasurer, Washington, D. C.; George W. McKoin, past imperial potentate, St. Louis, Mo., and others who made up the section comprising the imperial divan.

An enthusiastic demonstration marked the unanimous re-election of Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, Jr. On account of litigation not yet completed in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas rela-

tive to injunctions on the part of white Shriners, the present potentate will remain in office possibly several terms, or until the matter is settled. His direction of the defense of his order has been masterly, it is said. Clarence Baxter of Persian temple, Indianapolis, was elected chief raban; I. H. Bradbury, Medinah temple No. 39, St. Louis, assistant raban; Levi Williams, Jersey City, N. J., re-elected imperial recorder; Charles Freeman, Washington, D. C., re-elected imperial treasurer. A spirited fight was made for the office of imperial outer guard and resulted in the election of Isaac Carper, past grand master of Masons of West Virginia, to the office. Stewart Jefferson, illustrious potentate of Arabic temple of Chicago, was elected captain of the guard. Carper and Jefferson are the new additions to the imperial divan.

The drill team of Arabic temple, Chicago, won first prize in the contest; Persian temple of Indianapolis, Ind., second; Alla Baba temple, Columbus, Ohio, third; Damascus temple, Louisville, Ky., four. The prizes amounted to \$1,500 in cash, distributed among the four drill teams.

The Knights Temple held their second annual business meeting last Thursday and elected officers, followed by a military ball and reception in the Duquesne Garden at night.

In the report submitted by the imperial treasurer, Charles Freeman, it was shown that \$18,000 had been distributed during the last year to widows and orphans of Shriners.

Shriners To Meet In Kansas City In 1925

The international conference of the Knight Templars and Shriners announced at the close of their sessions in Central Baptist Church last Thursday afternoon that the next meeting would be held in Kansas City, Kan. It was also decided that a joint conference of the Shriners and Knights Templar would be held in Boston, Mass., in 1926.

Hon. Charles Cottrell Stricken, during the afternoon session Monday, Charles Cottrell, of Toledo, O., Past Potentate, suffered a stroke of paralysis and was removed to the West Penn Hospital. Mr. Cottrell was former collector of Internal Revenue of the Hawaiian Islands. Ascension Com-mandery No. 26, of the New York Com-mandery, won first drill prize; other teams followed: Simon Com-mandery, No. 1, second; Vanho, another New York team, third. The only other entry was Ocean Spray, of Atlantic City.

The following were elected officers of the Knights Templar: Albert R. Lee, Champaign, Ill., president; John C. Morton, Pittsburg, vice president; Levi Williams, New York, second vice president; J. M. Adler, Washington, third vice president; John Fisher, treasurer; W. H. Parry, secretary; W. Bradsfield, assistant secretary; J. M. Fryson, chaplain; C. E. Gordon, orator; Howard Penn, marshal; J. P. Fitzhugh, guard; J. R. B. Whitney, official reporter.

Cesar R. Blake, Jr., Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of North and South America, was re-elected to the office for the ensuing year.

Handsome Negro Temple Dedicated

The new \$600,000 negro Masonic Temple was dedicated today with hundreds of negro Masons present.

The dedication took place at 9 o'clock with Walter Thomas Wood, Birmingham, grand master, presiding. Delegates from all parts of the state were present.

The new seven story building is regarded as a splendid monument to the negro Masons of the state. Negro Masonry was founded in Alabama in 1870 and this is the 55th meeting.

The temple was to be open all day for inspection and further services will be held tonight.

White and Black Come to Terms

One of the most welcome happenings of recent times is the agreement to which the white and black Masons of high degree have come within the last few weeks. It ought to mean that there is one more point of contact established in America between the races that will make for more understanding and greater harmony than has been the case in times past.

It is generally conceded that Masonry represents the highest type of fraternalism in that it operates on the character and Christian principles of men as such. Those who take its oaths and obligations are members of a fraternity whose reputation has no peer in the world. It ought to happen then that some of the bickering that has gone on, particularly in the South between the white and black members of this fraternity should give place to a greater ability to work together for the common good of the community. Certainly there is crying need for the exercise of more brotherhood among these two classes of persons whom Fate has thrown so close together.

NEGRO ADVANCE IN ALABAMA

The greater progress of the negro in the South compared with the condition of the race in Northern centres where they have been colonized by industry, has been dealt with in these columns before. In the Northern cities where the negro has been encouraged to enter trade and the professions, the successful negro stands out above his fellows and the grouping of interests is not as pronounced

as in the South, although there is a strong business association of the race in the North and South, combining leaders from many cities, of which Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Industrial Institute in Alabama, is president.

In no single State can the negro point to the same racial advance that he has attained in Alabama, where the advance is measured by educational facilities, business success, industrial opportunity, religious growth and fraternal organization. In this last phase the report of the grand lodge meeting of negro Masons held in Birmingham last week, contains some surprising figures, including an affiliation of 950 subordinate lodges and an endowment income of \$856,992 in its insurance department. It was shown that this department has paid death claims of \$367,789 and operating expenses of \$36,487, leaving a net surplus of \$454,715, the cost of operation of the department being 4 1-2 per cent. The woman's side of the organization showed receipts of \$42,200 for one year.

Part of the endowment fund surplus has been put into the construction of a negro Masonic temple, at Birmingham, which has cost \$657,704 and is said to be the finest and most expensive building owned entirely by negroes in the United States. The structure is of brick, stone and marble, seven stories high, with an auditorium seating 2,000 persons, four lodge rooms and 154 offices. The number of offices for rental exclusively to negroes, indicates the professional and business progress of the race in Birmingham.

Perhaps no other accomplishment better describes negro development in the State than the erection of the Masonic building in Birmingham. The great Industrial Institute at Tuskegee—the largest of its kind in the world—was built with the money of white sympathizers and is partly operated with the help of the State, but the structure just completed in Alabama's chief industrial city, is entirely the work of negroes, is a further credit to the race and well describes the development possible where the white man and the negro understand each other while at the same time observing the integrity of each race in a mutually recognized social separation.

A NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT

Dedication of the new negro Masonic temple in Birmingham last week was an event denoting a progressive spirit among the colored people of this state. Not only is the edifice a credit to that part of the city in which it is located because of its imposing appearance, but it represents thrift and enterprise on the part of those made it possible. It is said to be the largest constructive enterprise ever carried out in the state entirely by negroes. It stands as a monument to the success with which its builders managed their financial affairs.

One of the speakers said that eleven years ago the negro grand lodge of the state was one hundred thousand dollars in debt, but that today it has more than five hundred thousand dollars on the other side of the ledger, after settling all claims against it. That is a record which speaks for itself. An organization which can accomplish such an achievement has shown its capacity to handle its affairs and has contributed generously to the interests of the negro race in this state.

There is pride in the acquirement of property that is worth while. It shows that those who do it have been industrious and capable. It emphasizes that they have made good use of their time and opportunities, and that they are producers. Ownership of property usually goes a long way towards developing the sentiments of respect for the law and observance of property rights.

The negro Masons of Alabama are to be commended on having accomplished something that is worth while, not only from a constructive point of view, but through a wholesome example from which members of the race will find profit.

Mr. Wm. H. Carter of Tuskegee Audits Books of Endowment Bureau—Puts on Iron Test

Mr. W. H. Carter, Assistant Treasurer for Tuskegee Institute and Auditor for the Masonic Lodge of the State of Alabama, is in the city auditing the accounts of the Bureau of Endowment, jurisdiction of Georgia.

Mr. Carter came into the city Wednesday of last week and has been busily engaged since his arrival. He is not only auditing the books of the Order, but he is, at the same time, putting on a new system to take care of the future of the Order.

Mr. Carter will be remembered by many as the result of having audited the books of the Order following the calamitous days of the recent past. His work brought to light facts which made the eyes of the people "start from their spheres; their combined locks to part and each particular hair to stand on end like quills upon a fretful porcupine." The Order was benefited by the audit and, now, in a manner its affairs are moving on with the ease and grace of a swan.

Mr. Carter will go to Atlanta to audit the books of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and thence to the office of the Grand Chancellor. His methods are up-to-date and his tenacity of purpose is something wonderful. Like a prodigious irresistible force, he moves on hindered by no one, obstructed by nothing. Difficult mathematical tangles fade away before his intrepidity like snow in the sunshine. He is a studious and productive character and is a greater force because of the fact that he possesses a storehouse of originality to supplement his theoretical training. Should I attempt to describe Mr. Carter, I would do it briefly in the words: The world is divided into three classes of men—Saints, sinners and

Mr. Carter, for truly, he is in a class by himself.

York Rite Masons Enjoined In Colorado

Denver, Co., Feb. 18.—Colorado Masonry was sustained in the practice of her Masonic methods according to Mackey's Jurisprudence on Masonry and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado was given exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over Colorado by Judge Stephenson of Fort Morgan, Colo., who was sitting as district judge in Division 4, last Saturday a. m., for Judge Henry Hersey. Great interest had been manifested by Masons.

Opinion Of Judge Stevenson Of Fort Morgan

"It is in the first place contrary to Masonic Law and Masonic teaching to have two organizations in the same jurisdiction. There can be but one Masonic force in any given jurisdiction. The evidence in this case shows that the plaintiff in the case was organized by three subordinate lodges existing then under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and that they had a right to organize such a Grand Lodge in Colorado; that immediately upon the organization of a Grand Lodge in the given jurisdiction, the jurisdiction of the parent Grand Lodge had ceased automatically. There is no National Grand Lodge, nor any national organization with jurisdiction over the whole United States in Masonry, and so far as the ancient craft of Masonry is concerned, that is the Blue Lodge, and that is all that we are concerned with in this case.

The defendant in this case is bound by the rules of Mackey's teachings, bound by the rules laid down in Mackey on Masonic Jurisprudence, and all of those rules and all of those teachings forbid a clash of jurisdiction.

The name adopted by the plaintiff lodge is a legitimate name, implying an organization for the teaching of Masonry, and the name of the defendant organization implies the same thing. They seem to be separate and distinct organizations. The similar-

ity of the names is very apparent and one might be and possibly would be misled by the name of the organization; certainly would be by the representations made by the Grand Master of the defendant organization, the witness Broadnax or some of the witnesses who testified here, which might not have been Broadnax, but it was to the effect that men who belonged to the plaintiff organization were Masons within the territory of the limits of the State of Colorado, while if they joined the defendant organization they were recognized as Masons all over the United States. That is not a fair representation. A Mason is a Mason any place in the world under Masonic law and the teachings of the order. These men who belong to the plaintiff organization would be recognized wherever they go as Masons just as much so as if they belonged or had a Supreme National Grand Lodge; in fact more so, because this National organization assumes to make Masons recognizable only in the United States.

"I don't think that the defendant ought to be allowed to hold itself out in this jurisdiction of Colorado as a Grand Masonic Lodge or to organize subordinate lodges under the names of Masons, or to use the initials A. F. & A. M. or Free and Accepted Masons, and the defendants are restrained and enjoined according to the complaint."

NEGRO MASONRY WILL GREAT DEDICATE TEMPLE

\$600,000 Structure Completed In Birmingham, Grand Lodge Meets Soon.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 4.—W. T. Woods, grand master of the negro Masons of the State of Alabama, announced today that one of the crowning features of the forthcoming session of the state Grand Lodge to be held in Birmingham, August 19, 20 and 21, will be the dedica-

tion of the new \$600,000 temple, which has been erected on Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street, near the center of the business section of this city.

In this building, towering four stories above that of any adjacent and surrounding structure, the negroes of this state boast of the largest and most beautiful building designed, erected and owned by negroes in the world. The building is 15 feet wide and 140 feet long, with seven stories and a spacious airy basement. It is of Renaissance type of architecture, and of steel and reinforced concrete construction, finished in Indiana limestone, buff brick and Alabama marble, the lobbies and corridors being finished in marble. There are six stores on the ground floor, an auditorium seating 2,500 people and a ladies' rest room on the second floor; four lodge rooms, two of which can be converted into one, and eight offices on the fourth floor; while the three remaining floors consist of 57 offices. The building is equipped with two high-speed Warner passenger elevators and one service elevator, and is heated by the overhead vacuum system.

The auditorium is the second largest in the city of Birmingham and in addition to being commodious, well ventilated and lighted, it is one of the most beautiful and well appointed assembly rooms in the city. The ornamental designs are of Corinthian type and show a master workmanship. The same workmanship and beauty, however, characterize the entire building both as to design and construction.

The great need of this building, which is a combination of beauty, utility and economy, is evidenced by the fact that although the finishing touches have not been completed, the majority of the 73 offices and the six stores are occupied. Thus the order has a magnificent temple which meets the needs of the organization and which also will be of commercial value to them as it relieves in a large way the congested condition which the negro professional men face in this city as to office space.

The building, which was designed by Taylor and Persley, architects of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and erected by Windham Brothers, contractors and builders of this city, is an outstanding indication of the progress of negroes in the state of Alabama.

MASONS OF OHIO END 75TH YEAR WITH BIG MEET

Cleveland Once More in Gala Attire for the Many Visitors to City

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 22.—The diamond jubilee celebration of Ohio Masons (F. and A. M.) held in this city was one of the most interesting and eventful in the history of Masonry in Ohio.

The outstanding features of the meet were the welcome address of Mayor Townes, responded to by Grand Master A. L. Porter, Columbus, rendition of a four-act comedy, entitled "Trouble in the Parson's Foot Church," under auspices of the ladies of the O. E. S., directed by Mrs. Margaret Anderson; a concert by local talent in

which the Harmony Jubilee Four were the stellar attraction; the parades Thursday by the Knight Templars and Blue lodges, and Friday by the Shriners.

The Masonic band of Cleveland and Shriners band of Cincinnati made things lively in the parades and about Prince Hall temple, 2332 E. 55th St., where the Masons made their general headquarters. The election of officers for the Blue lodge division resulted as follows: George W. Holland, Springfield, Ohio, G. M.; E. J. Gatliff, Toledo, D. G. M.; H. L. Adams, Cleveland, S. G. W.; A. B. Reed, Columbus, G. J. W.; Otis G. Fields, Toledo, re-elected for the 23d year as grand treasurer; Howard T. Greer, Cincinnati, grand secretary; Hayes Skaton, Youngstown, O. G. L. The most excellent grand chapter, R. A. M., re-elected John P. Bowles, Columbus, G. H. P.; Goodrich Giles, Piqua, grand treasurer, and other officers. The grand council of select masters re-elected Charles E. Gordon, thrice illustrious grand master, and other officers for the ensuing year. William A. Jones, Toledo, was re-elected grand eminent commander of the Knights Templar, as well as all other grand officers.

Kansas City And Boston To Honor Masons In '24, '25

The international conference of the Knight Templars and Shriners announced at the close of their sessions in Central Baptist Church last Thursday afternoon that the next meeting would be held in Kansas City, Kan. It was also decided that a joint conference of the Shriners and Knight Templars would be held in Boston, Mass., in 1926.

Blake Urges "Peace, Union, Strength and Harmony" In Crisp, Pointed Address

Reports \$18,400 Given to Widows and Orphans of Nobles. Makes Important Recommendations. Fellow Masons Cheer Leader

By J. A. Jackson, of the Billboard.

"We will at this session have at least two lines of thought and argument. No matter how much we differ this is the place for us to express our different opinions. Let our thoughts and arguments form a happy confluence which will be the source of the great river of union, strength, peace and harmony."

"It is suggested to me that no more ideally located place could have been selected that we find Pittsburgh to be. Situated as it at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers, where the two form the Ohio river, what a beautiful thought is suggested." Thus spoke Imperial Potentate Ceasar R. Blake, Jr., the presiding officer of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of Mystic Shriners, in his annual address delivered to the Imperial Council sessions Wednesday morning at Central Baptist Church, on Wylie avenue.

Distributes \$18,000

Another fact disclosed was the distribution of \$18,400 to the widows and orphans of the deceased Nobles. This contribution that assures the continuation of the education program set down by such men as compose the order, for the different families as one of the additional practices of this organization.

Another and more spectacular expense is that represented by the fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars donated by the Imperial Council for prizes to encourage the drill teams of the patrol department of the order.

The fact is revealed in the parade of the order, that these patrols not only represent a colorful feature of the annual council, but the inculcation of the ideas of organized obedience, and in addition, they have operated as the most remarkable instrument for discipline.

The Imperial Potentate also disclosed a remarkable interest on the part of the organization in the welfare of the race by two other matters discussed. The first was that through its national distributed temples these Shriners distributed the petition blanks of the National Association for the Advancement of

Colored People, thereby bringing to bear an enormous pressure that very materially assisted the pardon and executive clemency that was accorded the Colored Soldiers that were under sentence at Leavenworth prison upon charges that grew out of the Houston riots of some years since.

Another forward step that marks the order as being beyond the realms of selfish interest is there participation in all Negro Sanhedrin, or meeting, of more than sixty-five Negro societies and fraternities, the first annual session of which was held in Chicago last February. This Sanhedrin is the most remarkable and all-embracing effort on the part of Negroes to harmoniously and jointly study their problems that has occurred in this country.

Definite Meeting Date

The Imperial Potentate recommended the establishment of a definite meeting date hereafter and suggests the fourth week in August in order that conflict with other bodies may be avoided. This is because its membership includes virtually all the important officials of the different race fraternal and business orders.

A controversial matter of especial interest in this territory was decided by the Imperial Potentate in reporting that the Imperial Council declined to recognize temple located in West Virginia, that traced their lineage to Grand Master Alfred Goodwin. In this body as accepted the decision of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. The Shriners thereby conformed to the long established practice of recognizing the established legal machinery of the land.

Mr. Freeman, who has for even a longer time been identified with the United States Courts of the District of Columbia, is an important and active official in many of the organizations of his race.

A number of others are recommended for an honorary past illustrious potentate's degree for meritorious services to the order.

HUNDREDS OF SWORDS FLASH IN LONG LINE TO MUSIC OF BANDS

Delegates From All Sections of Country March Through Mass of Spectators — Parade Over Hour Long.

The vast and colorful array of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, presented one of the most vivid spectacles seen in Pittsburgh's history this morning when they paraded through the streets of the downtown section and North Side, the feature of the annual conclave.

Like a long winding river, the marchers coursed in the cany-on-like streets, which were choked solid with a crushing, straining, thrilled mass of humanity. Every vantage point, every building window, every object higher than the level of the street, was literally black with humanity, craning the better to see the brilliant host of marchers as they swung majestically and rhythmically along.

The red "fezzes" worn by each Shriner, together with the brilliantly colored uniforms, typical of the vast "Sahara", the steady tramp, tramp, of thousands upon thousands of men, moving in a seemingly endless line, the natty white uniforms of the ladies' auxiliaries as they swung trimly down the cheering lanes, the "pride and joy" of the race, and the distinctly novel "deacons", gave the appearance of a sea of maroon caps, moving with even rise and fall.

Military Atmosphere

Not without military atmosphere—the many flags, banners and insignias, and the decorations and swords worn by the Shriners—there was an absence of spontaneous enthusiasm, which gave place to one of solemnity, as these paraders, men from all phases of life and station, of all ages above a certain youthfulness, marched steadily on. It was the "day of days" for the marchers, and they entered into the affair with the enthusiasm of young and untarnished youths of tender years.

The military strains of many bands punctuated the steady tread of thousands of feet. Drilled with a precision borne of long and tireless

practice, the different commandries performed their evolutions with a nicety gladdening to the eye, pivoting and swinging with unerring skill. At such periods of the parade, as these drills took place, the crowds surging to the very edge of the "safety line" on each side of the street, broke into thunderous applause.

Weather Excellent

The weather, typical of sultry August, with its cool, damp mornings and hot midday sun, was one of glorious sunshine in the afternoon after early showers threatened to mar the day. Too warm to be typical parade weather, the sun cast reflected rays from jewelled emblems and swords.

Busy Pittsburgh halted its affairs

To Delegates and Visitors

Pay no attention to anyone trying to give you advice about the city. If you do not see a member of the committee, with an official badge, designating his authority, then WAIT UNTIL YOU DO SEE ONE!

of commerce and activity, and the steady hum of traffic was hushed as the Shriners moved through the city, and out and on to Duquesne Garden.

The Line of March

Forming at Cedar avenue at 11:30 a. m., the line, 10,000 men strong, with the line extending for a distance of more than two miles, represented every state in the Union. Long before the time for the parade to commence, the city began to take on atmosphere of a legal holiday as citizens from outlying districts and suburban towns began to arrive for the demonstration.

Down Cedar avenue to North avenue to Federal, across the Sixth street bridge up Sixth ave. to Liberty to Fifth avenue, passing through the heart of the business district and straight out Fifth avenue, to Duquesne Garden, where the Shriners contest drill took place, the sight was awe-inspiring.

Many Ride Horses

Many of the high officers of the Shrine rode horses, caparisoned

with insignia and emblems of the order. Others rode in automobiles, hearing the heavily-broc-added and jewelled standards.

Notable among the outstanding features of the parade were the champion patrol from Columbus, O., with their yellow bloomers, their "fezzes" set a correct angle and their black woolen stockings with white shoes; the illustrious Deacons' Club, boasting of J. A. Jackson, of "Billboard" fame and Billy King of Chicago, the New York and Illinois delegations and Sam Cox, riding his donkey, the feature of every Shrine parade for the past eight years.

Many States Represented

States from North, East, South and West were represented in the monster demonstration. There was our own Pennsylvania delegation, recipient of cheers all along the line of march. And then, glanced at varying periods, appeared delegations from Illinois, Missouri, Texas, New York, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Canada, New Jersey, Tennessee, Kentucky and many other states.

Prominent among those in line were Caesar R. Blake, Jr., Imperial Potentate of North Carolina, Noble Levi Williams, Noble Charles Freeman and others.

SHRINE ORDER IN GALA WEEK AT PITTSBURG

Rusy City Halted When Colorful Parade Moves Thru Down Town Section. Chas. Cottrell Stricken During Convention.

By R. C. FISHER
Special Correspondent

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 27.—Memorial services and a Sacred concert marked the opening of the twenty-fifth annual session of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, and the ninth biennial International Conference of Knights Templar of the United States and Canada, held in this city August 17-23. More than 20,000 delegates and visitors attended the sessions. Nine thousand delegates registered at the general headquarters, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wylie avenue, prior to the opening of the first day session. The Knights Templar held memorial services at John Wesley Church on Arthur street. John P. Scott of Harrisburg, Pa., was the principal speaker. The sacred concert in Central Baptist Church, Kirkpatrick St., was given later by the Nobility of Ohio, Sunday evening, the 17th. Bands from nearly every state marched in parade through various downtown streets Sunday morning. An Oriental band from Philadelphia, was one of the features of the march. Arabic Temple of Chicago sent an aggregation of saxophone players composed of women.

Continuing their opening session from Sunday through the night, a midnight show was given early Monday morning.

Women in Session

Monday, 18th, at 10 o'clock, the Imperial Grand Court, Daughters of Isis, opened their fifteenth annual conference in the Warren M. E. Church Center avenue and Watt St. At the same time, the International Conference, Heroines of the Templar Crusade, convened in Columbia Hall Wylie avenue and Kirkpatrick street. Monday's program was concluded by another midnight ramble. Persian Temple performers from Indianapolis entertained with vaudeville and minstrel at the Elmore Theatre.

Tuesday morning the 19th, was

given over to visiting points of interest in the city. A concert was given at the Stephen Foster Memorial Home by the massed bands at night. The day's program closed with a reception by the Order of Eastern Star in Soldiers Memorial Hall.

The Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, met Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in Central Baptist Church; from there they went to Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wylie avenue, to meet Grand Master Kittrell of Pennsylvania.

Colorful Parade

Red "fezzes" worn by each Shriner, together with the brilliantly colored uniforms, typical of the vast throngs of "Egyptians," the steady tramp of the Nobility in full dress attire of thousands of men moving in a seemingly endless line, the gorgeous uniforms of the ladies' auxiliary, presented one of the most attractive spectacles in the history of the Imperial Council. Wednesday afternoon the 20th. Every vantage point, every building window, every object higher than the level of the street, was literally black with humanity, craning the better to see the brilliant host of marchers as they swung majestically and rhythmically along.

The military strains of many bands punctured the steady tread of thousands of feet. Drilled with a precision borne of long and tireless practice, the different patrols and drill teams performed their maneuvers with unerring skill, amidst thunderous applause which came from the crowds on each side of the street along the line of march.

Busy Pittsburgh halted its affairs of commerce and activity, and the steady hum of traffic was hushed as the large multitude of Shriners moved through the city, out to Duquesne Garden, passing through the heart of the business district where the Shriners' drill teams competed for prizes, followed by a ball and reception.

Forming a line extending for a distance of more than five miles representing every state in the Union, 10,000 men pranced with unusual pomp and dignity.

Outstanding Features

Notable among the outstanding features of the parade were the beautifully arrayed Alla Baba patrol from Columbus, Ohio, with their yellow bloomers, their black woolen stockings with white shoes; the Deacons' Club; the New York and Illinois Temples; St. Louis delegation with an elaborately dressed patrol, brass band of forty men, directed by the renowned band master, Wm. H.

Blue and their pet goat and Sam Cox was the chief event of that executive body Friday evening the 22nd, concluding the twenty-fifth annual session of the Ancient, Egyptian, Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bi-annual Session at Boston

The next Biannual session of the International Conclave, Knights Templar will be held in Boston, Massachusetts in 1926, with the Shriners.

Hon Chas. Cottrell Stricken

During the afternoon session Hon. Charles Cottrell, of Toledo, Ohio, Past Potentate, suffered a stroke of paralysis and was removed to the West Penn Hospital. Mr. Cottrell was former collector of Internal Revenue of the Hawaiian Islands. Ascension Commandery No. 26 of New York Commandery, won first prize; other teams finished as follows: Simon Commandery No. 1 second; Ivanhoe, another New York team, third. The only other entry was Ocean Spray of Atlantic City.

Election of Officers

An enthusiastic demonstration marked the unanimous re-election of Imperial Potentate Caesar R. Blake, Jr. On account of litigation not yet completed in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, relative to injunctions on the part of white Shriners, the present Potentate will remain in office possibly several terms, or until the matter is settled. His direction of the defense of his Order has been masterly it is said. Clarence Baxter of Persian Temple, Indianapolis, was elected Chief Raban; I. H. Bradbury, Medinah Temple No. 39, St. Louis, assistant Raban; Levi Williams, Jersey City, N. J., re-elected Imperial Recorder; Charles Freeman, Washington, D. C., re-elected Imperial Treasurer. A spirited fight was made for the office of Imperial Outer Guard and resulted in the election of Isaac Carper, Past Grand Master of Masons of West Virginia, to the office. Stewart Jefferson, Illustrious Potentate of Arabic Temple of Chicago, was elected Captain of the Guard. Carper and Jefferson are new additions to the Imperial Divan.

Chicago Wins First Prize

The drill team of Arabic Temple, Chicago, won first prize in the contest; Persian Temple, Indianapolis, Ind., second prize; Alla Baba Temple, Columbus, Ohio, third prize; Damascus Temple, Louisville, Ky., fourth prize; The prizes amounted to \$1500 in cash distributed among the four drill teams.

The Knights Templar held their second annual business meeting last Thursday and elected officers, followed by a military band and a reception in the Duquesne Garden at night.

\$18,000 to Widows

In the report submitted by the Imperial Treasurer, Charles Freeman, it was shown that \$18,000 had been distributed during the last year to widows and orphans of Shriners.

Kansas City Chosen for 1925

The selection of Kansas City, Kansas as the next annual meeting place of the Imperial Council of Shriners,

dent; John C. Morton, Pittsburgh, vice president; Levi Williams, New York, second vice president; J. M. Adler, Washington, third vice president; John Fisher, treasurer; W. H. Parry, secretary; W. Bradfield, assistant secretary; J. M. Fryson, chaplain; C. E. Gordon, orator; Howard Penn, marshal; J. P. Fitzhugh, guard; J. R. B. Whitney, official reporter.

THE COLORED SCOTTISH RITE ARE BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE WHITE SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

Credit Given to N. N. Boozier, 33 Degree Grand Master of the United M. W. King Solomon Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Texas

Mr. I. F. Patterson, 33 degree of Ohio who is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and a well learned distinguish white gentleman, wrote to N. N. Boozier on Feb. 22nd, 1924, asking him a full history of legality his United Supreme Council of the Ancient and accepted Scottish Rite Masonry.

After which N. N. Boozier wrote about 7 pages on the legality and how and when it was organized. Boozier stated in parts, that his Supreme Council was organized in Washington, D. C., April 5th, 1869 and said it was the first and only legal Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry among Colored in the United States of America. So on the 15th day of September, 1924, the White United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons convened in its 112th Annual meeting in Boston, Mass., and it was said this document that was written by Grand Master Boozier was presented before that Council and after it was taken and examined by that body they declared that Boozier Scottish Rite Masons was the only and legal Masons in the United States of America and Texas, and it was voted by the White Scottish Rite Masons to recognize and to incorporate with Boozier's Supreme Council and his Scottish Rite Masonry, and the vote was taken and was carried by majority.



SHRINERS RE-ELECT BLAKE HEAD

Pittsburg, Aug. 26.—With attendance decreased, due to the alleged small-pox scare, Shriners held their most colorful parade here last week, thru streets lined by thousands.

Caesar R. Blake was re-elected Potentate for his good work in protecting the order against suits from white lodges in the South. The Shrine Council voted \$18,000 to widows and orphans of deceased nobles and \$15,000 as prizes for patrol drill teams.

The international conference of the Knight Templars and Shriners announced at the close of their sessions in Central Baptist Church last Thursday afternoon that the next meeting would be held in Kansas City, Kan. It was also decided that a joint conference of the Shriners and Knight Templar would be held in Boston, Mass., in 1926.

Ascension Commandery No. 26 of the New York Commandery, won first drill prize; other teams finished as follows: Simon Commandery No. 1, second; Ivanhoe, another New York team, third. The only other entry was Ocean Spray of Atlantic City.

The following were elected officers of the Knight Templar: Albert R. Lee, Champaign, Ill., presi-

Recognized Masons Fight Other Group

HAITIAN MASONS SMART UNDER U. S. MARINE YOKE

White and Negro Orders
Band Selves Together
Against Rival Organiza-
tion.

Antoine Rigal, Past Grand
Master Of Island of Haiti,
Tendered Farewell Recep-
tion By Grand Lodge.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 23—
According to an article published in
The Bulletin, the official organ of
the Free and Accepted Masons, tak-
en from the National Trestle Board,
comes the statement that clandestine-
ism is not found alone among white
Masons, but among colored Masons
as well. The article follows:

"It is not alone in the Masonry of
the white race that clandestineism
shows its ugly head. The colored
brothers also have their troubles. It
is understood, of course, that while
no branch of Negro Masonry is rec-
ognized by the governing bodies of
the United States, this is because of
the peculiar American doctrine of
'exclusive' jurisdiction, which pre-
vents more than one body within
the same territorial limits. Racial
and social questions also play their
parts in the existing division. But
considered from the standpoint of
unprejudiced history, most informed
white Masons are willing to admit
that the so-called 'Prince Hall Ma-
sons' have a clear case for legiti-
macy. In many of the jurisdictions,
though recognition is not given, a
really friendly feeling exists. Again
and again, colored Masons holding
official position in their own bodies,
have asked the authorities of white
grand lodges for advice as to meth-
ods of procedure. And always such
help has been given willingly. It is
recognized that the colored people
are entitled to keep up their own or-
ganization and that the beneficial in-
fluence of the fraternity should be
available to them.

"While under the circumstances,
the Grand Lodge of California and
the white Masons of this jurisdic-
tion can not recognize any Negro
body, yet those who are conversant
with the situation, have a very
friendly feeling and regard for the
Prince Hall Negro Masons. They
will be glad that these are able to
cope with such a peculiarly despic-
able clandestineism. For when any
man or set of men, be they white or
colored, seek to use Masonry to make
profit, and by fraudulent means, as
is the evident intention in this case,
they will meet condemnation from
all concerned for the good name of
the fraternity."

80 HAITIAN LODGES HAVE 30,000 MEMBERS

New York, N. Y., Nov. 21—(A.
N. P.)—M. Antoine Rigal, a past
grandmaster of the Island of Haiti,
left for his home at Port au Prince
Saturday. Before leaving he was
tendered a farewell reception by
the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall
Masons. Grandmaster David W.
Parker acted as toastmaster.

"Haiti wants the moral support
of the American Masons, we re-
quire no financial help but want
your assistance in breaking the
burdensome political yoke that your
politicians have placed upon our
shoulders," said Rigal, who speaks
for 80 lodges of Haitians Masons
with a total membership of 30,000.

M. Rigal who is an attorney was
accompanied to the U. S. A. by his
wife and daughter. He has an ex-
cellent command of the English
language, and is very familiar with
both the written and unwritten
history of America as it applies
to the Negro. He is a man of
small stature, very dignified in
manner and a most pleasing am-
bassador to meet.

While in the United States, he
conducted certain negotiations that
will accomplish much toward the
elimination of certain promoters
of clandestine Masonry who have
been purporting to be operating
under the authority of the Grand
Lodge of Haiti. This is probably
one of the greatest accomplish-
ments of his trip, and it will do
much toward the clearing up of
some obscure phases of fraternal
matters in this country.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF MASONS IN 38 ANNUAL SESSION

The Supreme Council of the A. A. S.
Rite of F. M. for the Southern Jurisdic-
tion of the United States of America.

convened in the thirty-eighth session in
the city of Richmond Monday, October
20, 1924. The following illustrious Peers
and Sublime Princes of the Water, Va.,
who are members of the Alpha and Omega
Consistory No. 9, Norfolk, were in at-
tendance. Ill. Jno. W. Barnes, 33 de-
gree, of Portsmouth, deputy for the State
of Va., and an active member of this
Grand Body. Ill. Jno. H. Moore, Sr., also
an active member of Norfolk. Ill. Geo.
A. Lindsay, 33 degree, honorary, Norfolk.
Ill. Lee Sims, 33 degree, honorary, Nor-
folk. The following Ill. Princes, 32 degree
received the 33 degree honorary: Ill. Pr.
David Alston, Norfolk; Ill. Pr. B. B.
Whitehurst, Norfolk; Ill. Pr. W. P. Thoro-
good, Norfolk; Ill. Pr. Jos. Jeffress, Nor-
folk; Ill. Pr. Dr. G. Hamilton Francis,
Berkley; Ill. Pr. Walter Moore, Berkley;
Ill. Pr. C. C. Cooper, Hampton Institute,
Hampton.

ROYAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OF TENN. WINS COURT FIGHT

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22.—Two years of litigation in the courts of Tennessee to determine the exclu-



Dr. Thomas

sive charte of the rights of the Grand Royal Circle of Friends of the World, have finally come to a decision in favor of the original order. This arose in the courts where some members of the organization withdrew and attempted to restrict the order from the use of the original charter and regalia. The fight was carried from the lowest court in Tennessee to the supreme court of the state and each has been won by the same group that received the sanction of the highest tribunal.

15,000 INVADE ST. LOUIS FOR BIG CONVENTION

Royal Circle of Friends Hold
Largest Gathering in
History of Order

St. Louis, Aug. 29.—The 15th annual session of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World opened with 3,000 visitors and friends present at the Union Memorial M. E. church, Leffingwell Ave. and Pine St. Special trains were chartered over the C. & E. I. from Chicago and over the Frisco from Memphis, Tenn., and hundreds arrived by automobile.

Dr. R. A. Williams, founder and supreme president, in his opening address endorsed the bright outlook of the coming fraternal election as being exceptionally bright and viewed the possibilities of the Negroes in this country as most encouraging, especially in anti-Klan platforms established by John W. Davis and Charles G. Dawes.

Mayor's Message

Welcoming services were held last night, when the principal speaker was William Findly, secretary to Mayor Kiel, who spoke in behalf of the latter, who was unable to attend because of illness. Kiel's message assured the visitors that St. Louis is always ready to welcome intelligent members of the Race and urged upon them the importance of reciprocity in business and professional pursuits. This, he said, would finally lead them to financial and

economic independence in America, citing the thrift and financial strength of the Jews, which could be easily brought about by Afro-Americans. He was highly greeted by the large audience with much applause.

Other speakers included Dr. L. E. Vincent and Mrs. R. C. Douglass-Buford, who represented the citizens of the city, and assured the delegates of the esteem, cordiality and hospitality of the homes of the city. Mrs. Aline Hudnel of New York city rendered a vocal solo. Her beautiful soprano voice was mellow in the strains of "Carita." She was accompanied by Miss Louise Williams of Chicago, who also rendered "Rustles of Spring" at the piano.

Remarkable Progress

Mrs. L. S. Blount-Bryant, general endowment secretary, Forrest City, Ark., read a brief sketch, outlining the progress and growth of the organization, as follows: Organized in 1909 at Helena, Ark., they have 2,127 adult circles, 381 juvenile circles, comprising 131,401 members in good standing.

Elaborate Programs Daily

The sessions are held daily from 9 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. and special entertainments are provided each afternoon and evening. Tuesday afternoon was spent at Jones park, Brooklyn, Ill.; Wednesday afternoon for sight-seeing; Thursday afternoon at Forest park, and a musical reception and dance at Argus hall; closing Friday with installation of officers, dress ball and military drill by four bands.

The following officers of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World are present: Dr. R. A. Williams, supreme president, Chicago, Ill.; W. T. Daniels, supreme secretary, Texarkana, Texas; Dr. D. J. Williams, supreme medical examiner, Chicago, Ill.; A. E. Whitlow, national organizer, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. O. L. Moody, supreme chaplain, Helena, Ark.; C. E. Spencer, supreme supervisor, Indianapolis, Ind.; E. M. Willson, assistant endowment secretary, Memphis, Tenn.; Edgar B. Williams, manager R. C. hospital, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles L. Bryant, supreme commander, Chicago, Ill.; Rosa Wall, supervisor, Memphis, Tenn.; the Rev. S. L. Short, supreme supervisor, Triton, Ark.; Elizabeth Jordan, supreme supervisor, Brinkley, Ark.; Mrs. L. S. Bryant, general endowment secretary, Forrest City, Ark.; Mrs. Susie B. Larry, supervisor and director of bands, Memphis, Tenn.; J. H. Johnson, supreme marshal, Wynne, Ark.; Velma L. Colbert, assistant endowment secretary, Chicago, Ill.

Supreme Royal Circle Of Friends of the World

In Fifteenth Ann'l Session
Here, Dr. R. A. Williams,
Supreme Pres., Makes A
Strong Address In Which
He Scores The K. K. K.

INSTALLATION AT THE COLISEUM FRIDAY NIGHT

By FLOYD G. SNELSON, Jr.
Special Correspondent

The past week is marked by gala and cordial reception and warm

hospitality during the 15th annual Convention of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World who were in session at Union Memorial M. E. Church.

At the welcoming exercises Monday night William Findly, secretary to Mayor Kiel, on behalf of the latter who was unable to attend because of illness, delivered a most pleasing message to the visitors. The Mayor's message assured the visitors that St. Louis is always ready to welcome intelligent members of the Race and urged on them the reciprocity in business and professional pursuits. This he said would finally lead them to financial and economic independence in America, citing the thrift and finan-

cial strength of the Jews which could easily be brought about by the Afro-Americans through organization and co-operation.

Other speakers were Dr. E. L. Vincent and Mrs. R. C. Douglas-Buford who extended a most hearty welcome for the local citizens. Mrs. Aline Hudnell of New York City and Miss Louise Williams rendered musical selections. Mrs. L. S. Bryant, Supreme Endowment Secretary of the Royal Circle, read a report of the remarkable growth of the organization during the 15 years of its existence, showing that the society has a membership of approximately 140,000 and has collected in gross receipts \$1,893,725.43 during that time and has paid out \$1,197,363 in death and sick benefits, and has assets of over a half a million dollars.

Praises John W. Davis' Klan Stand

In his opening address, Dr. R. A. Williams, founder and Supreme President, depicted the bright prospects of the future of the race resulting with the trapping presidential election. He highly commended the Democratic nominee John W. Davis, in his courageous stand against the Ku Klux Klan, and expressed good cheer in that, regardless of the candidate elected to the presidency the Negro is certain of favorable consideration. He spoke highly of the Coolidge administration and especially of the anti-Klan attacks by Dawes.

Dr. Williams and Mrs. L. S. Bryant were re-elected to their respective offices of Supreme President and Supreme Endowment Secretary.

Dr. R. A. Williams, founder and Supreme President of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World said in his 15th annual address delivered Tuesday at the Union Memorial M. E. Church in part: "The Royal Circle has in 15 years become a dominant and leading factor in a group of gigantic societies. In its beginning, its platform was drawn up and now as then the same precepts and basic



DR. D. J. WILLIAMS
Supreme Medical Examiner



MRS. L. S. BRYANT

General Endowment Secretary principles, friendship, honor and charity, guide its destiny. The R. C. has produced more than its share of the advanced features and innovations in modern fraternalism. In spite of jealousy, envy and keen competition we have become a leader of fraternal orders in the personnel of our sterling membership, in its financial soundness, in the stability of its officers and members and its regularity and decorum of procedure."

Regarding the progress of the race, he said from the beginning of time until the recent opening of King Tut's tomb, no other race has made the progress of the American Negro. Referring to the Cleveland Republican Convention, he said the Negro



DR. R. A. WILLIAMS
Supreme President And Founder

occupies a safer, saner and a more secure position than ever before in politics, and he heartily endorsed Coolidge and Dawes, saying that the Republican party had never done as much as it could do for the Negro, but his opinion was, we could gain but little by flirting with the Democrats.

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Speaking on Christianity, he said: In these days of advanced thought, and high culture, don't allow anything, not even theological abstraction, metaphysical subtleties, scholastic technicalities, philosophical speculations, pseudo-scientific vagaries nor anything else to turn you away from the Church of God, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Concerning the home life of the men, women and children of the Circle, he laid down a few don'ts for Wives and Husbands.

"Don'ts For Wives"

Don't be extravagant. Don't let your house get dirty. Don't let your person become unattractive. Don't receive special attention from other men. Don't resent reasonable discipline of the children by the father. Don't accept advice from anybody concerning affairs in your home. Don't disparage or embarrass your husband. Don't be gloomy—smile. Don't forget you are feminine, don't try to be a man.

"Don'ts For Husbands"

Don't be stingy. Don't interfere with your wife's management of the home. Don't be a grouch. Don't hurt your wife's feelings. Don't stop making love with your wife. Don't flirt or pay attention to other women. Don't nag or use sharp words. Don't live with your people or your wife's people, but have a home of your own. Don't share your home with other people—avoid the boarder. Don't be careless about your personal appearance. Don't be unjust to your children.

The single standard of living for man and woman is fast coming into vogue; don't do anything that you would not like to see your wife do.

Dr. Williams further described the great value of personal politeness, courtesy, good manners and the dignity of honest, faithful work, which is requisite to all. Don't dodge, don't shirk, don't soldier but give your employer an honest day's work.

The true beauty of charity, he discussed as an ideal of the Royal Circle. True generosity gives without return. Give until it hurts. Don't be generous in the hope of personal gain indirectly or place any qualifications on your charity. Good comes from the doing.

He explained the outcome of the litigation in Tennessee, which ended without any loss to the Supreme Circle, and the rebel faction under Dr. D. J. Thomas having split the second time with inevitable disaster.

He urged more consideration on the part of Circles for limitations on the Sick Dues department; many

claims that had been paid were not within reason and a temporary suspension of payment in that department until it is restored to better financial status.

He pictured the valuable work of the Royal Circle Hospitals at Little Rock and Memphis, and the closing of the Hot Springs hospital, their patients being removed to the Little Rock institution.

The entire Convention is discussing with great interest the proposed Million dollar temple to be erected in Chicago, and are looking forward to its progress with great anticipation.

Annual Reports

The following report was read by Mrs. L. S. Bryant, Supreme Endowment Secretary of Forrest City, Ark.—No. Adult Circles, 2127; Juvenile Circles, 381; adult members 118,000; juvenile members 13,401; total membership, 131,401; total gross receipts from all sources \$1,893,725.43; paid out in death claims monument, etc., \$761,348.00; paid out in sick benefits, \$234,850; paid out for general expenses, salaries etc., \$201,165; total disbursements \$1,197,363.00; balance on hand cash, real estate, liberty bonds etc., \$696,352.43; solvency 100%.

The following report for the State of Tennessee was read by Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Assistant Supreme Endowment Secretary, Memphis, Tenn., for 1922-1923-1924 as follows: Total collection \$112,795.50; total disbursements \$105,904.53; balance in treasury \$6,890.97.

The following report for the State of Arkansas was read by L. S. Blount. Up until August 1924: Total collections \$149,669.91; disbursed, \$91,206.97; cash balance \$58,462.94; Liberty bonds, \$29,067.80; property and hospital equipment \$120,000; office fixtures, band and military equipment \$31,158.00; grand total, \$238,680.74.

The following report for the State of Illinois was read by Miss Velma L. Colbert, assistant endowment secretary, Illinois jurisdiction; Adult circles 284; juvenile circles 79; adult members 12,185; juvenile members 1,328; total collection from all sources \$238,460.00; paid out for death claims \$114,375.00; paid out for sick benefits, accident claims and charity allowances \$92,463.00; paid out for general expenses \$18,129.00; cash balance on hand \$13,493.00.

Parade

The grand parade will be held Friday afternoon and Installation of Officers and Dress Ball will be held in the evening at the Coliseum.

Four bands will participate in the parade. The Larry Royal Circle Band of thirty, the largest of the organization from Memphis, Tenn., is under the leadership of Prof. John Love and the management of Mrs. Susie B. Larry and has attended each session during the past ten

years, having won the prize on each consecutive occasion. A band of 22 men from Brinkley, Ark., the oldest of the Royal Circle, is under the direction of Prof. J. A. L. Jordan. The Cleveland band is directed by Prof. Fletcher Hatton and has 18 men. The Jackson, Tenn., band has 15 men under the leadership of Prof. S. E. Reid and managed by Mrs. Susie B. Larry.

PERSONAL SIDELIGHTS

The headquarters of the Supreme President, Dr. R. A. Williams, is located at the Vira College, 2824 Lawton Bvd. Mrs. R. C. Douglas-Buford, the president, has as her guests this week, Mrs. R. A. Williams and daughter Miss Louise, of Chicago, Mrs. Aline Hudnell and Mr. Floyd G. Snelson Jr., of New York City; Mrs. L. S. Bryant, Mrs. Riley Bate, the grand-mother of the Supreme President; Mrs. Katie Walker, Mr. Robert Williams and Altheta Bryan of Forest City, Ark.; Edgar B. Williams of Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. C. M. Auer of Little Rock, Ark., and Mr. Wilbur Cobbs of Madison, Ark.

Mrs. Eliza Norris and daughter of Indiana are attending the Royal Circle Session. They are stopping at 2941 Laclede avenue.

Mrs. Nannie Williams and Mrs. E. H. Hutchinson, both of Memphis are delegates at the Supreme Session.

Mrs. E. B. Powell of Little Rock is here this week at the Royal Circle Session.

Mr. Charlie Bradley of Helena is the guest of his relatives at 915 N. 7th St., during his stay at the Royal Circle Session.

Mrs. Birdie Owens of Arkansas is stopping at 1718 Morgan St.

Friend Walton of 1424 Papin St., has stopping with him during the Supreme Session, J. L. Manning, K. D. Griffin, J. A. Wood and J. E. Crutch all of Alabama.

Mrs. Mattie Cole of Louisiana is stopping at 3528 Lawton Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Robinson, 1902 Division St., are entertaining the following delegates at the Supreme Session: Rev. Charles of Arkansas; R. L. Smith of Kansas City; Mr. Scott of Indiana and Messrs. Barbee and Walton of Arkansas.

Mrs. Terrell of Chicago is here this week at the Supreme Session stopping at 3140 Lawton Blvd.

Mrs. Arizona Wright of Crossett Arkansas is stopping at 2941 Clark avenue while attending the Supreme Session.

Mrs. Susie Lutle, representing Harris Circle, Memphis, Tenn., is here this week stopping with Mrs. Hudson, 819 N. 13th St.

Dr. M. G. Ranson of Morganfield, Kentucky is stopping at the Y. M. C. A., while attending the Royal Circle Session.

J. E. Ellis, Wm. Gay, both of Gilliam, La., and G. W. Taylor of Dickson, Tenn., are at 2745 Market St., during their stay at the Royal Circle Session.

Mrs. Heyler Rodgers and Mrs. G. C. Bly of Kansas City, are stopping at 2842 Lawton Blvd.

W. L. Payne is here from Kansas City and staying at 4447 Cote Brilliant Ave.

Mrs. Josie W. Kennedy and her vice-president, Mrs. Jones of Little Rock, Mr. R. D. Warren of Newport, Arkansas and Mrs. McFarland of Marianna, Ark., are all stopping with Mrs. Arthur Gray, 2734a Walnut St., while attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mrs. Shobe of 203 S. Leffingwell has as her guests during the Supreme Session, Mrs. Minnie Love of Milwaukee, Mrs. Williams of Chicago and Mrs. E. L. McPherson of Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. M. R. Key of Hot Springs, Ark., is stopping with her nephew on Windsor Place, while here this week.

Mrs. M. E. Williamson, public school teacher of Chicago is here attending the Supreme Session.

Mrs. Annie E. Whitlor representing the largest Circle in Chicago with a treasury of nearing \$1200 is here representing her Circle.

Rev. Theo Morrison of Webster Groves, Mo., is attending the Supreme Session.

Mr. and Mrs. Udell Turpin are here among the Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dubisson and daughter, Geraldine, Mrs. Scipio Jones, Mrs. Nan Brannon and Miss A. B. Gilliam all of Little Rock, Ark., motored here for the Royal Circle session and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Claxton, 413a S. Jefferson avenue. Mrs. Claxton will join the party who will motor to Chicago, Detroit, and Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Aline Hudnell of New York City, who is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams will spend a short time with friends in Memphis, Tenn., before returning home.

Mrs. E. M. Wilson, assistant endowment secretary of the Royal Circle, Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of Mrs. Simmons of Enright Ave. Mrs. P. Kizer of Crystal City, Mo., is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hill of Glasgow avenue. Mrs. Kizer is attending the Supreme Session of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World.

Mrs. Alice McWhorter of Chicago is stopping with Mrs. English of 3326 Lawton Ave., during her stay attending the Supreme Session of the Royal Circle.

Mrs. Emma McMillan is representing Mason Circle No. 1780 of Chicago, at the Royal Circle Session. She is the house guest of her father, Mr. Hiram Clayton of 1245 Carr St. Mr. Ernest Samuel of Chicago is among those attending the Royal Circle Session this week.

In the Chicago delegation at the Royal Circle Session are Mrs. Mat-M. C. Simmons, 4400 Enright Ave. Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Julia Gaines, both stopping with Mrs. Anderson,

3307 Pine. Mrs. Laura Merriweather of Chicago is at the home of Mrs. Van Buren, 3422 Lawton Blvd., while attending the Supreme Session of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World.

Dr. A. D. Williams of Chicago is a prominent character attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mrs. Martha Ferguson of Chicago is located with Mrs. Christopher, 3019 Laclede avenue during her stay attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mrs. Nellie Burton and Mrs. Narcisse Hunter of Chicago are attending the Royal Circle Session. During their stay they are stopping with Mr. J. W. Shackelford, 2825 Lawton.

Mr. Chas. Bryant, Supreme Drill Master, Prof. W. T. Daniels, Supreme Secretary, Dr. D. J. Williams, Supreme Medical Examiner and son, all of Chicago, Mr. A. H. Bullen and Mr. A. Nance both of Louisiana and Mrs. J. H. Johnson are stopping with Mrs. Dandridge, 2818 Lawton Blvd., during their stay attending the Royal Circle Session this week.

Mrs. M. Ogletton Gainer of Chicago prominent in fraternal circles, Superintendent of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School is one of the attendants at the Royal Circle Session. Mrs. Gainer is stopping at the home of Mr. J. W. Shackelford, 2825 Lawton. Mrs. E. A. Adams, president of Circle 1610, Chicago, is representing her Circle of Supreme Session. Mrs. Adams is stopping in the home of J. W. Shackelford, 2825 Lawton.

Mrs. Lillie B. Jones of Chicago, president of the fastest growing Circle in the jurisdiction is present at this meeting. Mrs. Jones is a successful florist of Chicago.

Mrs. Katie Bell and daughter, Miss H. M. Bell of Memphis, are here stopping with Mrs. St. Claire, 4145 Finney avenue.

Mrs. Jennie Jones and Mrs. Willie B. Phagan of Kansas City are at 3142 Lawton Blvd.

Mrs. Hattie Brasfield of Greenfield, Tenn., and Mrs. Franklin of Chicago are stopping at 2941 Laclede avenue. Mrs. Eliza Norris and daughter of Indiana are here attending the Supreme Session, stopping at 2941 Laclede avenue.

Mrs. Nannie Williams and Mrs. E. H. Hutchinson, both of Memphis, are stopping at 3440 Pine St., while attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mr. Charles Bradley of Helena is the guest of relatives at 915 N. 7th St., during his stay here attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mrs. Birdie Owens of Arkansas is at 1718 Morgan St., while here for the Supreme Session.

Dr. R. L. Redmond and daughter, Miss Minabelle Redmond of Memphis and Mrs. Mattie Harris, Mrs. Mary L. Webb and Mrs. Mattie L. Durham are all the guests of Mrs.

Mr. Chas. E. Simpkins of Mansfield, Louisiana is attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mr. W. T. Tucker of Blythesville, Arkansas, is attending the Royal Circle Session.

Mr. Taylor of Evansville, Indiana, Mr. J. H. Baker of Hartford, Kentucky, are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Holland, 2811 Clark Ave.

Mme. R. C. Douglas-Buford of the Vira System of Hair and Beauty Culture, is one of the most outstanding characters in helping to make the stay of the delegates and visitors to the Supreme Session of the Royal Circle of Friends of the World, pleasant. Several weeks before the Supreme Session, Mme. Douglas was busy getting everything in readiness. She is a real business woman and is well known throughout the country. Too much cannot be said of her loyalty to this splendid organization in its infancy and the service she has rendered in adding new members to its number. She, with others, can now rejoice at the wonderful success the Royal Circle has had in the past 15 years of its existence.

MOOSE HELD SPECIAL SESSION HERE

Female Chapter I. B. P. O.
E. of Moose Gather at

Elks' Hall

A special session of the Order of Moose was held in the Elks' Home of Hoffman street, December 31-Jan. 1. The session was called to order by the Noble Queen, Princess Octavia Washington.

There were delegates present from Asbury Park, Camden, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Princeton, New York City, Atlantic City, and Baltimore did herself proud in entertaining her visiting delegates. One of the social features of the session was a New Year's entertainment given at the home of the Noble Queen at 1153 N. Carey street.

The annual report of the founder, Princess Rebecca Harding Ridley, showed much progress for the year. Princess Octavia Washington has joined Organizer Ridley in a trip to the West, where they will put on a real drive for the expansion of the organization in that section of the country.

The next session will be held in New York City the second Tuesday in September.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Octavia Washington, Baltimore, Supreme Noble Queen; Mrs. Margaret Quarles, Brooklyn, Supreme Provisional Queen; Mrs. Rebecca Ridley, New York, Supreme Secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Bunn, Asbury Park, Supreme Treasurer; Mrs. Henrietta Corless, New York, Supreme Directress; Mrs. Rachel Trorman, Camden, Supreme Chaplain; Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Brooklyn, Supreme Marshall; Mrs. Alice Holloway, Asbury Park, Supreme Asst. Master-at-Arms; Mrs. Mary Faulk, Philadelphia, Supreme Guard; Mrs. Missouri Decator, Supreme Outer Guard.

Supreme Trustees—Mrs. Rebecca Bush, Mrs. Grace White and Mrs. Anna Davis.

Past Supreme Noble Queens—Mrs. Lottie E. Kennedy, Mrs. Lillian W. Anderson, Mrs. Emma Davis.

Havana President Is Member of Elks

Chief of Police Is Made
Exalted Ruler.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 21—According to a vice made known in the reading of a letter at the first annual celebration of King Tut Lodge No. 389, here Monday night, J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, I. B. P. O. E. of W., has set up a charter of the order in Havana, Cuba, of 150 members, one of

which is the president of the Republic. The chief of police is Exalted Ruler.

Elks Reach out to Cuba, 106 Initiated

J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., set up Ellmore Lodge on August 1, 1924, at the Sol De Occident Club, Havana, Cuba, and thus added new laurels to Elksdom. One hundred and six candidates were initiated.

August 1 at 10 a. m., J. Finley Wilson and his wife sailed on the ship "Cuba," and landed at Havana, Cuba, at 5 p. m., where he was welcomed by the Cuban people. They were met by the mayor, J. De Clair, who was made first Exalted Ruler of El Moro Lodge, which is the first Elks' lodge to be set up on the island, white or colored. Among the celebrities who were initiated into the mysteries of the I. B. P. O. S. of W. were former President of Cuba Menocal, the chief of police, Estanislao Mansip, and Senator Gomez, leading attorney of the Antilles.

The candidates were given final instructions by the Grand Exalted Ruler, whom they showered with gifts, among which the most prized was a Cuban flag which was presented him by El Moro Lodge.

On Saturday night, August 2, an elaborate banquet was prepared at one of the most exclusive clubs of Havana in his honor, but the Grand Exalted Ruler was unable to attend due to a touch of tropical fever. Three doctors were provided to look after his recovery.

Wilson's achievements for the past year are little short of marvelous. He with the aid of his staff of deputies have captured and set up lodges in every State in the Union, including Texas and Mississippi. Lodges have been set up in Bermuda, Colon, Canal Zone, and Cuba. One hundred and twenty-five new lodges have been organized and 61 temples set up since last August. Sixty-two homes, costing from \$2,000 to \$200,000, have been erected and purchased. As an organizer and tireless worker he has no equal among fraternal orders, white or colored. No Grand Exalted Ruler has ever aroused such enthusiastic support. New members are being added by thousands. He will go to the Grand Lodge endorsed by two-thirds of the lodges. His devotion to the

duties of Grand Exalted Ruler, his vision and eloquence are winning to the organization attention and respect of the black man in all parts of the world, including Africa.

The I. B. P. O. E. of W. now has about 125,000 members among the men and about 62,000 women, and about 15,000 juveniles, or about 200,000 in all.

grand treasurer, Richmond; Ramond Coats, grand esquire, Baltimore; George Rideout, grand inner guard, Youngstown; John W. Johnson, grand tyler, Indianapolis; Henry Lincoln Johnson, grand legal adviser, Atlanta; the Rev. George W. Avant, grand chaplain, Franklinton, N. C.; grand trustees, George F. Hatton, chairman, Washington; William H. Sands, Philadelphia; C. Tiffany Toliver, Roanoke, Va.; grand auditor, Dr. O. C. Clayborne, chairman, Savannah.

PITTSBURG PA TIMES
AUGUST 27, 1924

PARADE IS HELD BY NEGRO ELKS

30,000 Registered Here to
Take Part in Annual Convention.

WOMEN ALSO MEET

To the music of 21 bands about 15,000 members of the Negro Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, now holding their annual convention here, yesterday paraded from Cedar avenue and Ohio street through the downtown section to Oakland. The march of the Mother Lodge, No. 1, of Cincinnati, headed by W. H. Hill, the district deputy of Southern Ohio, was one of the features of the parade.

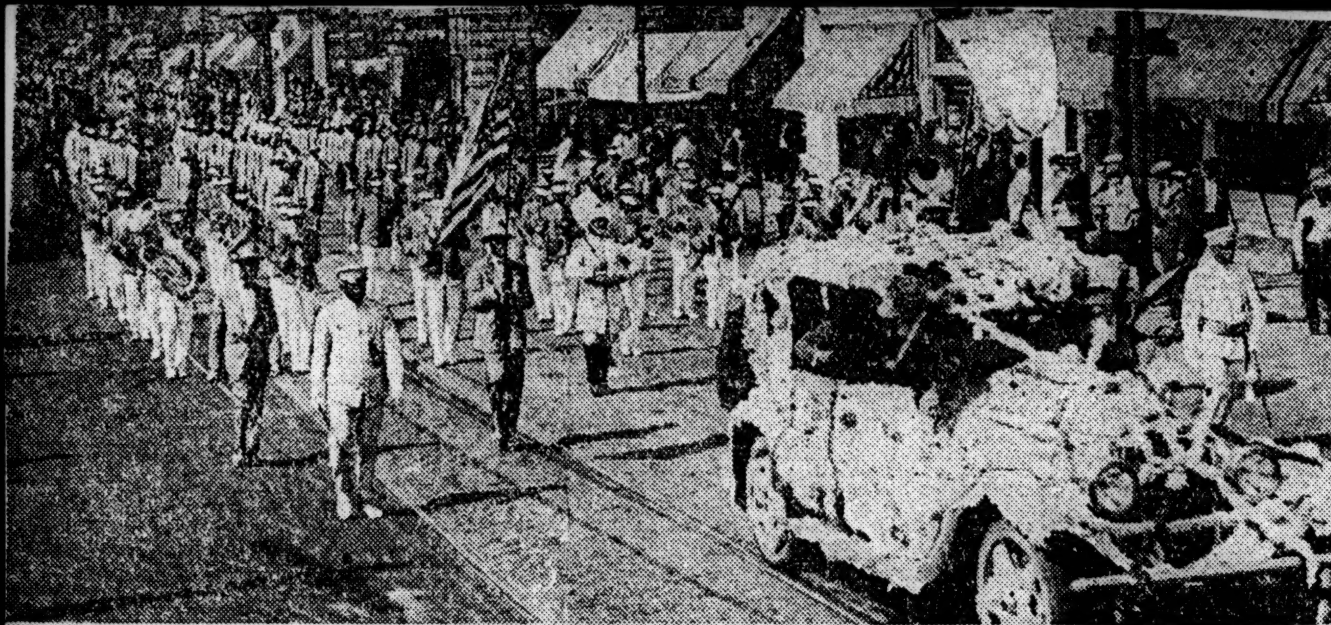
The grand lodge of the Elks opened their twenty-fifth annual session yesterday morning at the Central Baptist Church, Wylie avenue and Kirkpatrick street. Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson called the meeting to order and the appointment of committees was taken up. The women's organization of the Elks met in the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wylie avenue and Elm street, yesterday morning.

It was announced yesterday that between 25,000 and 30,000 members of the organization had registered at the local headquarters of the lodge and that many more were expected.

The second session of the Elks will be called to order this morning and routine business will be transacted. In the afternoon a picnic will be held on a lot at Bedford avenue and Shafer street.

The following officers were present at the first session:

J. Finley Wilson, Washington; Col. John R. Marshall, grand esteemed leading knight, Chicago; H. H. Hurley, grand esteemed loyal knight, Gary, Ind.; George E. Bates, grand secretary, Newark; James T. Carter,



Upper—One of the decorated automobiles in the parade. Middle—The Women's Patrol Team from Indianapolis. Lower—Flag bearers of the Progressive Temple, No. 791, Daughters of Elks, Brooklyn, N. Y. Lower left—A small but efficient means of transportation.



NEW YORK CITY TELEGRAM
FEBRUARY 26, 1924

Negro's Lodge Enjoined from Using Word "Moose"

ATLANTIC CITY, Tuesday. — The Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, has secured an injunction from Vice Chancellor Robert Ingersoll, here, restraining the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Moose of the World, an organization drawing its membership from negro women, from using the word "Moose" in designating the order. No defence was entered.

Some time ago another negro women's organization was made defendant in similar litigation, but of its own volition agreed to change the word "Moose" to "Reindeer." The suit was dropped.

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MOOSE GET INJUNCTION AGAINST NEGRO ORDER

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NEWARK N J STAR
JUNE 11, 1924

Moose Sue Colored Users of Name

Chancery suit has been brought by the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Newark Lodge, 237, to prevent use by an organization of colored men of the name "Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose." An order made by Vice Chancellor Backes directs the defendant order and its four officers to answer on June 24.

The complainants set forth that the defendant body recently organized here, infringes when it adopts the name "Moose," long used by the old lodge. Papers filed by Philip J. Schotland, counsel for the complainants, show that its laws do not permit colored men to become members.

NEWARK NEWS
JUNE 11, 1924

Moose Seek to Prevent Use Of Name by Colored Order

Claiming a prescriptive right to the appellation "Moose," as the main term

in its corporate title, the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, abetted by Newark Lodge 237, L. O. O. M., yesterday invoked the aid of the New Jersey Court of Chancery to prevent any poaching upon its preserves by the newly organized Improved Benevolent Order of Moose, composed of colored men.

Through Philip J. Schotland, the complainant organizations obtained from Vice Chancellor Backes an order directing the defendant organization, a Newark body, to show cause June 24 why it should not be enjoined from using its present title, or any other title containing the name or word "moose," and from using complainant's emblem.

In the petition on which the order was granted, it is told that the first Social Order of Moose was instituted in 1888; that the present national body dates from 1908, and that complainant now has a membership of 538,000 and 1,670 branch organizations. It tells further that colored men are ineligible to membership in the organization.

PICTURESQUE PARADE VIEWED BY THOUSANDS IN DOWNTOWN STREETS

Delegations in Vari-Colored Uniforms March Through Mass of Cheering Spectators— Many States Represented — Women Play Important Part.

Winding through the downtown streets of this city, picturesque metropolis of steel and gray smoke, a picturesque army in purple and white—the Elks—presented one of the most vividly striking scenes of color contrast ever witnessed here Tuesday afternoon, when they paraded through a solid wall of cheering, pulsating humanity, the feature of the twenty-fifth annual conclave.

Like a long winding river the Marchers coursed through the canyon-like streets, packed from rope to wall with a solid mass of crushed, thrilled, straining, throbbing people. Twas a wonderful sight—the crowd, the marchers.

To the tune of fourteen bands, the pride of the far east and the far west, as well as local bands, men and women from every walk of life stepped along in military time, throwing off the shackles of age and various bodily ills as they gave themselves to the spirit of the occasion.

Great Crowd Sees Parade

From Cedar avenue, North Side, where the parade formed, to Duquesne Garden, six long miles away, the streets were lined solidly with spectators. Every vantage point, every object higher than the level of the window, was literally black with humanity, craning the better to see the brilliant host of marchers as they swung majestically and rhythmically along.

With suits and uniforms of various kinds, but all carrying out the color scheme of purple and white, each organization in the line of march came in for continued bursts of applause as they swung through the downtown district.

Drilled with a precision borne of long and tireless practice, the Elks and Daughters executed perfectly, performing their evolutions with a nicety gladdening to the eye; pivoting and swinging along on a different angle with unerring precision.

Parade Gets Under Way

Scheduled to start at 3 o'clock, the motorcycle police and the squadron of mounted policemen who headed the delegation, swung away promptly at 3:15 p. m. Ropes held back the surging crowd, and a clear view was afforded as the steady stream of traffic was temporarily halted.

Down Federal street to the Sixth street bridge came the steady tramp, tramp, tramp of thousands of feet. Across the Allegheny river, where the more daring youth had climbed into the steel ramparts to get a better view, came the head of the delegation. Across Sixth to Liberty, in the heart of the downtown district, down Liberty to Fifth to Wylie the marchers came. From Fifth avenue they turned up Wylie, and what

an ovation they did receive. They were coming home, and cheer after cheer greeted them as they strutted proudly along.

Iron City Leads

Led by the Iron City Marching club in natty white uniforms, with their magnificent band of forty-pieces, the next in line were the notable in the cars. In one car were J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks and Charles Gantt, Inc.; George H. Grant, grand dictator, chairman of the local committee, and J. Harry Scroggins, secretary re-

if Chicago, pride of the West, with one of the best bands in Elksdom. Repeatedly cheered as they passed along the winding, hilly thoroughfares, their Palm Beach suits, with sport shoes, straw hats and purple gloves, formed an oddly uniform and striking picture.

Next came the Queen City lodge band of Cincinnati, followed by the Boston, Mass. delegation, the Camden N. J. delegation, the Atlantic City delegation and the Great Wolverine delegation, with a band of real musicians.

Following them came one of the features of the parade; the famous Womens Band of Detroit, Mich. Cleveland, with one of the largest delegations in the parade, came next, followed by the King Tut Lodge of East Akron, a woman's marching club. With jaunty turbans of purple and white, they received ovations all along the line of march.

The Mighty Monarchs

Then in the distance could be heard strains of music from a band, long recognized as the peer in Elksdom. With a proud-stepping drum major leading the way, the famous Monarch Band of New York swung majestically into view. Stopping in the heart of town, they rendered a selection and then passed on 'mid the cheers of thousands.

Following the Monarchs came the Manhattan Lodge of New York; the Donora delegation, the Richmond coterie; the Newark, N. J. group and the Western New York State delegation, with a big band. Next in order came Baltimore, with a good marching club; the Morning Star Lodge of Pittsburgh, with a men and women's auxiliaries; Washington, D. C., with well-drilled men and women; the Community Civic band of Washington, D. C., and the the marching club from Alexandria, Va.

These were followed by a band from Greensburg, a delegation of Indianapolis men and women, the Decatur Lodge of Philadelphia, with a good band and a wonderful marching club and the Iron City Lodge and Band, led by Officer Pinckney. These were followed by various floats and cars.

Writ Forbids Using Name "Moose"

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Nov. 15.—Judge Barrett in Court of Common Pleas No. 1 yesterday, granted an injunction against Keystone Lodge No. 5, Supreme Lodge of Independent Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose, of the Elks and Charles Gantt, Inc.; George H. Grant, grand dictator, chairman of the local committee, and J. Harry Scroggins, secretary re-

"Moose" or any badge or emblem, containing the head of a moose, or using any ritual of the Order of the Moose.

The defendants are a colored organization, incorporated in New York in September, 1923, and having headquarters at 1700 Addison street, this city. The proceeding was brought by the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of the Moose, and Philadelphia Lodge, No. 54, L. O. M.

30,000 ELKS WELCOMED IN PITTSBURG

Monster Parade Viewed By
Thousands Marches Thru
The City Streets
On Tuesday

BALTIMOREANS THERE

Delegation Fights To Bring
Annual Convention Here
Next Year

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—
Headed by Charles Harris and his Elks' Band, the Monumental Lodge of Elks of Baltimore, made a most favorable impression in the monster Elks' parade through the city streets Tuesday afternoon.

J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, I. B. P. O. E. of W., was unanimously re-elected Thursday morning for the ensuing year.

It was a part of the Baltimorean's big drive to take the next meeting of the grand lodge back with them. The boosting committee is headed by George T. Duppin, who is armed with invitations from the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, and other Baltimore business and civic bodies.

Duppin said today that every known delegate had been reached prior to the session and nothing was left undone that would set forth the advantage offered by the Monumental city.

30,000 IN ATTENDANCE

Nearly 15,000 delegates from all

parts of the world registered at Elks' rest registration headquarters Monday and Tuesday morning, it was estimated that the number had grown to 30,000 delegates and visitors. The convention closes Saturday night.

MAYOR WELCOMES

City and county officials welcomed delegates to what was termed the Silver Anniversary Convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Memorial Hall, Monday night. Several thousand persons were present. Band concerts and a mardi gras parade preceded the reception.

Appointment of committees and roll call of delegates were completed at the first business session Monday. A public reception was held at Elks' Rest, 2518 Center avenue, Monday afternoon under the auspices of the lodges of Pittsburgh—Iron City No. 17, Greater Pittsburgh Lodge No. 115 and North Side Lodge No. 124.

Conference sessions were resumed Tuesday morning in Central Baptist Church on Wylie avenue. The grand temple officers convened in Bethel A. M. E. Church. In the afternoon the great Elks' costume parade took place and prizes were distributed for band concerts and drills between competitive delegations.

The big reception and dance for women delegates was held at Labor Lyceum Wednesday night.

White Moose Stop Us From Using Name

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 13.—Judge Bartlett, in Court of Common Pleas No. 1, granted an injunction against Keystone Lodge No. 5, Supreme Lodge of Independent, Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose, Inc., George W. Grant, grand dictator, and J. Harry Scoggins, secretary, restraining them from using the name of "Moose" or any badge or emblem containing the head of a moose, or using any ritual of the Order of the Moose.

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MOOSE ENJOINED BY JUDGMENT IN PHILADELPHIA

Judge Bartlett Renders Decision of Vital Import

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 21st.—Judge Bartlett in court of common pleas on Saturday granted an injunction against Keystone Lodge No. 5, of the Supreme Lodge of Independent, Benevolent and Protective Order of Moose, Inc., George W. Grant, Grand Dictator, and J. Harry Scoggins, Secretary, restraining them from using the name of "Moose" or any badge or emblem containing the head of a moose, or using any ritual of the Order of the Moose.

The defendants were incorporated in New York in September, 1923. The local auxiliary has headquarters at 1700 Addison Street, this city. The proceeding was brought by the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, and Philadelphia Lodge No. 54, L. O. M., which did not admit race members to that order.